TODAY'S WEATHER.
Rain or snow; southwest winds is the forecast.

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WASHINGTON.

Gov. Crane of Massachusetts declines the treasury portfolio and Gov. Shaw of Iowa may be nominated.—Page 2.

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DOMESTIC.

A woman is fatally and mysteriously shot while standing at a depot near Charleston, W. Va.—Page 2.

Mrs. Susan Kees, wife of a Washington sheriff, drives escaping prisoners back to their cells at a revolver's point.—Page 1.

Very bullish reports of prosperity come from car and locomotive companies and from Westinghouse works in England.—Page 10.

Foraker forces seem to be hopelessly beaten in both legislative houses at Columbus, but Hanna men are not sure of the lower branch.—Page 3.

Mr. Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court makes an address at the annual banquet of the New England society at Philadelphia.—Page 3.

FOREIGN.

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Lord Kitchener reports sharp fighting in various parts of South Africa.—Page 3.

Pope becomes more hopeful that United States will send a diplomatic representative to the vatican.—Page 1.

Every foreign legation at Buenos Ayres has been notified that diplomatic relations with Chile are severed.—Page 5.

Briere, a French farmer, has been convicted of murdering four daughters and a son and sentenced to be decapitated by the guillotine.—Page 5.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Six persons are killed and 15 injured in a trolley car wreck near Allentown.—Page 1.

The bursting of reservoir pipes at Beaver Falls floods the city, causing much damage.—Page 2.

President W. E. Corry of the Cargeis Steel Company has given notice that the wages of employes at the New Castle and Sharon mills will remain unchanged until January 1, 1903.—Page 2.

LOCAL.

Alleghenians already see beneficent results from exposure of vice throughout the lower wards.—Page 4.

Apportionment to be pushed through councils today is clearly illegal, according to the laws governing the city.—Page 1.

Results of the prize essay contest are announced at Carnegie institute, and 38 children and 13 teachers receive rewards.—Page 3.

Recorder J. O. Brown, in a message to municipal commission, outlines plan of machine to spend millions and raise the tax levy.—Page 12.

Somerset offers 11,000 acres of land for a regular army camp ground and it will probably be selected by commission of high army officers.—Page 12.

T. A. Gillespie Company of this city completes contract for giant tunnel calling for $5,000,000 and connecting St. Lawrence and Grasse rivers.—Page 1.

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Mrs. Amanda Daly wants $50,000 from the Hotel Henry for the death of her husband.—Page 12.

John Campbell convicted of manslaughter for killing W. J. Robinson during a fight.—Page 12.

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SOCIAL.

Scores of Pittsburgh girls and boys have returned home from schools and colleges.—Page 7.

The opening cotillion of the East End series of dances was held at the Schenley last night.—Page 7.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Given celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage by a large reception.—Page 7.

The younger school girls and boys are guests at Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Boggs' dance for their son, Lawrence D. Boggs.—Page 7.

Mrs. John A. Harper gives a euchre party at the Schenley in honor of the Misses DuPuy and for the college girls and boys.—Page 7.

Mrs. William Schoyer of Denniston avenue, East End, entertains at whist for Mr. and Mrs. Willard M. Rice of Germantown, Pa.—Page 7.

SPORTING.

Pittsburgh hunters had a lot of sport duck shooting.—Page 8.

President Dreyfuss says A. G. Spalding has not resigned the league presidency.—Page 8.

The winners at Oakland were Autumn Tune, Huachua, First Shot, Rollick, Mercer and Jim Hale.—Page 8.

The New Orleans winners were Dutch Muller, Cadet, Dagmar, W. B. Gates, The Rush and Donator.—Page 8.

FINANCIAL.

Heavy liquidation in Sugar was the only notable feature in Wall street stock market.—Page 10.

Scarcity of red winter wheat sends the price of that article 4 cents above May in Chicago market.—Page 10.

Pittsburgh bank exchanges yesterday broke all records for any portion of a year by passing the $2,000,000,000 mark.—Page 11.

The market on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday was again quite active, but more irregular in tone. Electric seconds were features.—Page 11.

FATAL SLEIGH RIDE.

Unable to Save Child's Life a Man Kills Himself in Her Mother's Presence.

MIDDLESBORO, KY., Dec. 23.—Charles Preston, aged about 30, took little Jessie Marion sleigh riding on Powell river across the Cumberland mountains. The ice gave way and the girl was drowned.

Preston tried manfully to save the girl, and becoming crazed over the matter, he went to the child's mother and committed suicide in her presence.

TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND—Christmas Pantomime, 2 and 8 p. m.
DUQUESNE—"The Rays to "A Hot Old Time," 2:15 and 8 p. m.
ALVIN—"Ben-Hur," 8 p. m.
EMPIRE—"Across the Desert," 8:15 p. m.
LIBOU—"Royal Lilliputians," 8:15 p. m.
ACADEMY—Transatlantic Burlesquers, 2 and 8 p. m.
DUQUESNE GARDEN—Hockey, P. A. C. vs. Keystones.

Ocean Steamship Movements.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
New York.....	Victoria Luise.....	
Fernando de Noronha.....	Cycle.....	
Gibraltar.....	John.....	Trave.
Genoa.....	Columbia.....	
Hiruan.....		Palatinia.
Glasgow.....		Mongolian.
Glasgow.....		Norwegian.

SIX LIVES LOST AND 15 INJURED IN TROLLEY CAR

Terrible Wreck on an Electric Line Near Allentown, Pa.

A RAPID PLUNGE DOWN STEEP HILL

Conductor Restrained Panic Stricken Passengers from Jumping Off.

CONTROL OF CAR LOST

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

ALLENTOWN, PA., Dec. 23.—Six persons were killed and 15 injured in a trolley accident on the Coopersburg branch of the Lehigh Valley traction line this evening. It was the last car of the day and was crowded with holiday shoppers residing in the rural districts. The accident took place at the southern base of Lehigh mountain.

THE DEAD.

THE REV. TOBIAS KESSLER, a retired Reformed minister of Center Valley.
AMBROSE REINHART of Allentown.
JOHN REIMER, a farmer, of Zions Hill.
MRS. FETZER of Coopersburg, wife of Dr. Fetzer.
ALBERT YEAGER of Allentown.
FRANK WESLEY of Allentown.

THE INJURED.

WILLIAM PREIFFER, Allentown; back severely injured, arm broken.
CHARLES STOCKER, Allentown; injured about chest.
A. L. LEIDIG, conductor; leg hurt.
MRS. ALBERT YEAGER, Allentown; concussion of brain and arm fractured.
UNKNOWN ITALIAN, skull fractured and hurt internally.
JOHN WILT, Center Valley; gashes on head, arm hurt.
MRS. J. WILT, cut about head, arm injured.
EDWIN SIMON, Lanark; hurt internally; may die.
MRS. G. K. NEWCOMER, Coopersburg; hurt in chest.

At the point where the accident occurred there is a heavy decline, down which the car started at a rapid rate. The rain had made the rails so slippery that Motorman Stocker's efforts to stop it were of no avail. In a moment the car was beyond his control and went flying around the curves at a terrific speed.

The passengers, panic-stricken, made desperate efforts to escape, but were restrained by Conductor Leidig. At a sharp curve the car left the track, struck a trolley pole and was split in two and collapsed with its human cargo.

At 9 o'clock this evening a special car with eight physicians left for the wreck and at 10 o'clock two ambulances were sent to the scene.

The scene of the accident is remote from all telephone communication and authentic news was late in reaching the city. In the meantime, the wildest rumors were afloat. Mr. Reinhart's body was forced through the roof of the car. Mrs. Kessler, wife of one of the victims, saw the crash. It was her custom to wait for her husband, and she brought an umbrella. Mrs. Kessler displayed rare presence of mind and flagged the car coming from Allentown.

WINDOW GLASS COMBINE SEEMS TO BE ASSURED

Consolidation of Big Existing Companies to Be Followed by a Rise in Prices—Labor Scarce.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
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NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The report that a consolidation among the various combinations of window glass firms will take place in the near future, was confirmed today by the head of one of the large houses handling this product in New York. This consolidation, which has become inevitable on account of the condition of the trade during the last two months particularly, will be followed by a rise in price that will probably go into effect on the first of the year.

The combinations controlling this industry at present are the American Window Glass Company, the Independent Glass Company, the Federation Co-operative Window Glass Company, and an association recently formed among the New Jersey manufacturers. The probable rise in price will not equal the price of a year ago, for the reason that the competition of the Belgian factories, which were then idle on account of a strike, but are now at work again, will tend to keep it down.

There are said to be at present 3,400 window glass furnaces in the country, of which nearly 1,000 are idle from a lack of blowers and gatherers. The difficulty of securing skilled workmen for this business has always been very great.

"JENNIE JUNE" DEAD.

Aged Founder of Woman's Club Movement Passes Away.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mrs. "Jennie June" Croly, journalist and organizer of women's clubs, died today in this city from heart failure. Mrs. Croly, who was 72 years old, was born in England. She became a newspaper writer in this city under the nom de plume of "Jennie June" in 1855 and achieved a wide reputation. She organized Sorosis over 30 years ago, and through her efforts the federation of women's clubs in this country was formed.

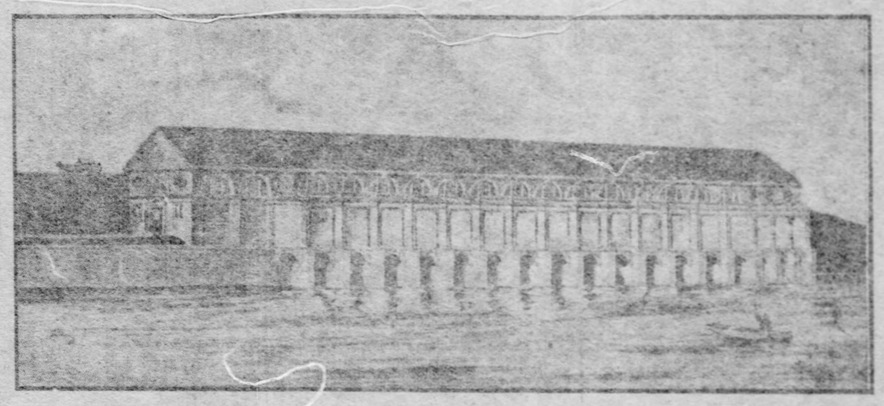
At the time of her death Mrs. Croly was president of the New York Women's Press club.

WOMAN QUELLS A PRISON MUTINY.

WALLA WALLA, WASH., Dec. 23.—Eight prisoners in the county jail overpowered Jailer Malone as he was locking up the cells last night, and were about to make their escape when Mrs. Susan Kees, wife of the sheriff, stepped up with a revolver and drove the prisoners back to their cells.

Sheriff Kees and his family live in the jail building, and when Mrs. Kees heard the commotion she rushed to the rescue of the jailer and released him from the prisoners, who were beating him into insensibility.

NEW CANAL GIVES MIGHTY POWER FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES



Power House of the St. Lawrence Power Company.

Map of the Canal.

DECEMBER APPORTIONMENT IS ILLEGAL

Machine's Attempt to Increase Number of Councilmen Violates New Charter Law, Which Says Ordinance Must Be Passed in July.

PATCHING UP THE NEW CHARTER ORDINANCE

By a councilmanic apportionment, which will probably be acted upon in councils today, the machine will endeavor to add a common councilman in the Fourteenth and Twenty-seventh wards. The plan is to elect these additional legislators in February. According to the law governing councilmanic apportionments this action appears to be illegal.

Section 2, article XIV, of the new charter says that the act of May 26, 1891, "fixing the ratio of representation of common councils in cities of the second class," shall stand. Section 2 of the act of 1891 reads:

Hereafter the ratio of representation in common councils in cities of the second class shall be fixed and determined as follows: **In the month of July preceding the next regular municipal election,** after the passage of this act, and every fourth year thereafter, the members of common councils shall be apportioned in the following manner: It shall be the duty of the assessor of each ward to return, under oath, a true and exact return of resident taxables, to the president of common council on or before the first day of July in each year, when an apportionment is to be made, and **at the first meeting of councils thereafter** a joint committee of five, two from the select and three from the common council, shall be appointed, who shall examine the said returns and divide the whole number of taxables by 40, and the quotient shall be the ratio of representation for members of common council: Provided, that should any ward have in excess of three-fifths more than the ratio of taxables it shall be entitled to an additional member: Provided, further, that each ward shall have at least one member of common council.

Law Was Violated.

To begin with, the apportionment to be offered today did not have its birth in July. The ordinance did not find its way into councils until this fall. The assessors did not make a return of taxables to the president of common council on or before the first day of July. The work of the assessors was done within the last month at a cost to the city of $2,000. At the first meeting of councils after the first day of July the joint committee was not appointed. It was not named for several months after that date. In all these particulars the act of 1891 has been violated, yet the machine leaders say that the additional councilmen will be voted for in February.

If the apportionment stands, common council will have an increase of two members and a total membership of 51, making with select a joint body of 89. The Fourteenth ward will have four members instead of three. In this ward W. A. Magee is the machine leader. In the Twenty-seventh, where the membership is increased from one to two members, Select Councilman Sankey is the machine leader.

The other wards are not changed. The Twentieth ward will have three members, the Eleventh, Thirteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth and Twenty-first two each, and the other wards one each.

The apportionment committee prepared its report yesterday. When the figures had been tabulated it was found that there were 90,979 resident taxables in the city. This number divided by 40, as provided by the act of assembly, gave 2,425. The law gives each ward at least one common councilman and an additional member is allowed for each quotient or majority fraction thereof after the first. Under the new schedule this would mean one member for a ward having 2,425 or less resident taxables, two for 3,880, three for 6,305 and four for 8,730.

Population By Wards.

The report by wards, as compared with the last report—that of 1897—was as follows:

Wards.	1901.	1897.	Gain.	Loss.	Wards.	1901.	1897.	Gain.	Loss.
1.	10391	9021	1370	....	20.	6972	5926	1046	....
2.	6985	5731	1254	....	21.	5685	4938	747	....
3.	5077	4384	....	1307	22.	12554	12459	1395	....
4.	5297	7689	....	2392	23.	7843	6448	1395	....
5.	11692	8462	3230	....	24.	20761	14220	6540	....
6.	12834	12814	1020	....	25.	12308	12071	2327	....
7.	11774	11584	1760	....	26.	11992	12342	....	350
8.	13599	11599	2000	....	27.	14032	12932	1100	....
9.	9506	8771	1135	....	28.	8444	8382	62	....
10.	9057	8773	2784	....	29.	10953	11468	....	515
11.	14169	13510	6200	....	30.	7746	8469	....	723
12.	13274	12771	5031	....	31.	15843	14493	1350	....
13.	15426	14856	1568	....	32.	16727	12437	4290	....
14.	18782	15004	13278	....	33.	1694	1254	....	88
15.	16587	16155	4040	....	34.	6268	6267	1	....
16.	13984	12776	1208	....	35.	14021	11879	1821	....
17.	14092	13712	3885	....	36.	8826	7771	1119	....
18.	12951	12556	3098	....	37.	17267	7911	9355	....
19.	18690	14776	14271	....	38.	9091	(new)	....	....

It will be seen that out of the 38 wards in the city 20 gained in resident taxables, eight lost and one (the Thirty-eighth) has come into the city since the last apportionment. The net gain was 18,900, and 7,278 of this is in the Fourteenth ward, which leads them all. The Twenty-third ward has second place, with 1,723 of a gain, and the Thirteenth comes next, with 1,558. In the matter of percentage of gain the Thirty-seventh ward stands, with 318 per cent, and the Twenty-second follows, with 113 per cent.

The losses are comparatively small. In the Third and Fourth wards new business houses have crowded out some people, and up in the Eighth ward there has been a loss of 40 for some unknown reason. On the South Side five of the eight decreasing wards are located. They are the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth wards. In all of them the same explanation can be given—railroad improvements. The Lake Erie and Panhandle have almost depopulated the Thirty-third ward and are beginning now on the Thirty-fourth. The latter shows a loss of but one taxable, but the list of April will tell another story. The Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston has cut into the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth wards, and there also further reductions would be made if the census had been held back to April 1. At the same time this section of the city is not losing as a whole as the the hill wards, like the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-second, are growing steadily.

More Power for Recorder.

The new charter ordinance as prepared by City Solicitor Clarence Burleigh with a few amendments of minor importance was approved by the finance committee yesterday afternoon and sent to councils to be acted upon today. The principal amendment adopted struck out the clause which provided that subordinate appointments in all bureaus and departments shall be approved by the recorder. While the administration omits this declaration of intention to continue the practice of the recorder making all appointments and announcing them himself, regardless of the charter. The new charter authorizes the recorder to appoint the heads of departments only. The charter empowers the heads of departments to appoint the bureau chiefs and all other subordinate employes. Recorder J. O. Brown has ignored the heads of his departments, and has made all appointments himself, from director to scrub women, with the approval of Senator Flinn.

The feature authorizing the employment of non-residents is retained in the charter ordinance, although "laborers" are omitted from the list. The amendment provides that the recorder, "being unable" to find suitable persons at home to fill the positions can employ non-residents as bureau officials or experts.

Other Minor Changes.

An amendment takes from the assistant city solicitor the authority of appointing a stenographer and places that power in the hands of the city solicitor. Another amendment abolishes the bureau of plumbing and house drainage and adds this work to the bureau of health.

An amendment provides for a change in the title of the bureau of engineering and surveys and the bureau of engineering and construction by omitting the word "engineering" from the title of both bureaus.

Other amendments adopted release the police magistrates from the requirement of making daily reports; strike out the provision that directors of departments must be at least 30 years of age, and insert provisions empowering the assistant city controller to act in the absence of the controller and the assistant city clerk in the absence of the city clerk.

In addition the work of the various bureaus was defined in detail, practically as it is at present, and the work of the employes was specified. The complexion of the several councilmanic committees and the measures to be referred to each were also defined.

The committee also recommended ordinances authorizing the letting of contracts for some minor work; resolutions to pay $2 75 a day to carpenters and $2 80 to painters; to employ architects Alden & Harlow to prepare plans for the necessary buildings in connection with the filtration plant; that not more than 4 per cent be hereafter allowed on work done by private companies who build water systems in connection with building plots, and allowing a number of tax exonerations amounting to $1,747.

General Alger Improves.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—Dr. Lonyer, attending surgeon on Gen. R. A. Alger, stated this evening that the general's condition was good.

THE CATS CAME BACK.

MILES IN MORE TROUBLE

War Department Hears He Has Talked Again and Hints of More Severe Discipline Than a Reprimand.

MACLAY DEFIES THE PRESIDENT

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles will be given an opportunity to clear his record of the stain placed upon it by the sharp rebuke administered to him by the president and by the secretary of war. No representations have been made to the war department by the commanding general since his explanations of the Schley interview, which the president and Mr. Root declared were unsatisfactory.

Rumors reached the department today that Gen. Miles had again talked for publication. These aroused the greatest interest, but in the absence of the secretary in New York nothing was done to establish their correctness. The much was stated emphatically: In the present temper of the president and Secretary Root if Gen. Miles again commits indiscretly upon the Schley case, or upon the action taken by the president and the secretary of war, he will be subjected to even a harsher proceeding than that he has already suffered.

There is no disposition on the part of the administration to give Gen. Miles a chance to keep the Schley controversy alive. If Gen. Miles should apply for a court of inquiry and it should be granted the investigation would keep the Schley case in the public mind. For Gen. Miles to make such an application would be to question the right and justice of the action of his superior officers.

Alleged Right to Court-Martial.

Gen. Miles' friends urge that army law prohibits the infliction of punishment upon an officer without trial by court-martial, and they claim that the action taken was a severe punishment. The war department evades this contention by the statement that the communication addressed to Gen. Miles was not a reprimand, but a rebuke, and the president and the department have the right to tell an officer when he has done wrong.

Officials of the department do not threaten Gen. Miles, but they point to the fact that he is now over 62 years of age and there is a law which gives the president discretionary authority to retire an officer when he reaches that age.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Maj. Gen. Miles was seen today and asked what he intended to do about the reprimand administered to him by the secretary of war, and replied: "It would be improper for me to discuss the action of the department, but the incident is not closed."

Gen. Miles will return to Washington tomorrow. His friends say his rebuke is keenly felt, and that he may ask for a court of inquiry.

Gen. Miles at a Banquet.

Celebrating its 96th anniversary, the New England society gave a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight, more than 500 of its members being present. Many distinguished in all walks of life were there. William E. Dodge presided. At his right a seat was placed for Elihu Root, but the secretary found it inconvenient to attend. To the left of Gov. MacLeau of Connecticut sat Seth Low. Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles sat to the right.

Far down on the list of toasts was "The Army and the Navy," with no one down to respond. It was understood that Gen. Miles would speak to the toast. He spoke in part as follows:

"I was not aware until this moment that I was to be asked to say anything on this occasion. I notice on this beautiful program no name opposite the toast to the army and navy. Hence, I assume that nothing need be said for the army and navy. In fact, its history has been written in crimson letters on every field and on every scene for more than 100 years."

Gen. Miles then gladly yielded his time to his friend, Admiral Barker, who said, in part: "There are times when silence is golden, and I feel that tonight is one of them." Gen. Miles leaned far back in his chair and let a smile curl up through his mustache with the smoke of his cigar.

Historian Maclay's Defiance.

Edgar Stanton Maclay, whose connection with the Schley case led President Roosevelt to request his resignation as special laborer in the navy, made a formal demand today for trial by usual naval procedure. He averred that his case comes under the civil service law, and that he could not be dismissed without formal charges, trial and conviction.

The request for his resignation was sent to him by Rear Admiral Barker, commander of the navy yard at Brooklyn, and he replied at once by letter formally setting forth his position. Maclay said:

"The president cannot have me dismissed under the law, as I see it. I do not see how he can force me out. I am protected by the civil service laws enacted by the congress, whose enactments the president is bound to execute. I do not know positively, but I believe my position under civil service furnishes me complete protection, so long as I violate no rules of the service, and that I have not done, and that I have so stated in my letter to the commandant, in answer to the request for my resignation. No, I did not say that the president is as bad as the czar of Russia.

"I have done nothing more than write the commandant and ask that charges be preferred against me, and I will do nothing more just now. I have not been suspended, and am working here today, as I have been doing for 15 months. I have tried to do my duty here, and have broken no rules, and shall simply stand by my rights, more for the principle of the matter than anything else, for my position here pays me very little and is chiefly valuable because of the experience and information it affords me as material for my books."

Rear Admiral Barker forwarded Maclay's letter to Washington.

Admiral Schley in New York.

Rear Admiral Schley arrived from Washington this afternoon. With him was Mrs. Schley. It had become known to the passengers on the Washington limited that Admiral Schley was aboard, and when he stepped off the train at Jersey City the waiting passengers eagerly gathered around him and showed their good will by shaking his hand, in anticipation of his arrival a small crowd had gathered. Expressions of approval and sympathy for the "victor of Santiago" were heard on all sides.

The purpose of Admiral Schley's visit is to spend the holidays, or at least a part of them, with his daughter in this city. Within a few days he expects to return to Washington. Newspaper men who besieged the famous naval commander with questions were met with a smiling but firm refusal to discuss any matters connected with the naval controversy.

"I must adhere to my invariable rule, gentlemen, of not talking on official subjects," said Admiral Schley.

A party of jolly school girls gazed admiringly at the admiral on the trip across the river and were in no further good humor of delighted mirth when the object of their attention gave them a fatherly smile.

INJUNCTION PERMANENT.

Union Miners Forbidden to Establish Camps In Vicinity of the Coal Mines.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 23.—In the federal court today Judge Walter Evans handed down a decision making permanent the temporary injunction granted the Reinecke Coal Company of Hopkins county, Ky., against the United Mine Workers of that section preventing the union men from interfering with the company employes of the company and forbidding the establishment of a union camp in the vicinity of the mines.

The temporary injunction was granted last month, and the argument on the motion to make it permanent was heard by Judge Evans on December 12. The injunction was the result of the recent mining troubles in Western Kentucky.

The mine workers' attorneys will file tomorrow a petition for appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals.

A special term of the United States court has been called at Owensboro, Ky., to enforce and execute Judge Evans' orders.

ORDER IS SOLVENT.

American Legion of Honor Said to Be in Good Condition Financially.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A special committee appointed to inquire minutely into the financial condition of the American Legion of Honor has made public its report.

Summarized the financial status of the of the order, taking into consideration all its resources, is shown to be a balance of $338,537.50 on hand. The membership, however, is shown to have suffered a further decrease. On November 1 the examination committee found it to be 7,319.

The committee state that they are sure that the order is in gratifying financial condition, although they recognize the fact that the numbers of the organization are not so strong as they should be. The report is accepted by the officers of the order as a complete vindication of Supreme Secretary Warnock and his management.

IOWA GOVERNOR OFFERED SECRETARY GAGE'S PLACE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—A tender of the office of secretary of the treasury to succeed Secretary Gage has been made to Gov. Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, but it is understood that up to a late hour tonight no response had been received from Gov. Shaw to the inquiries sent him.

At the White house no information on the subject is obtainable pending a definite authorization of the fact that a successor to Secretary Gage has been obtained.

MASSENA CANAL IS COMPLETED BY BIG LOCAL FIRM

New Waterway Connects the St. Lawrence and Grasse Rivers.

$5,000,000 WAS THE PRICE CALLED FOR

T. A. Gillespie Company Were Contractors Who Did the Work.

POWER RIVALS NIAGARA

The new Massena canal, in New York state, has just been thrown open. The T. A. Gillespie Company of Pittsburgh and New York, which had the contract for excavating the canal, completed its work and turned over the waterway to the St. Lawrence Power Company. The contract, which is the greatest of its kind ever assumed by a Pittsburgh concern, called for $5,000,000 and the big ditch has been in course of construction for three years and a half. Its completion was signalized by a yachting trip over the new waterway, in which the officials of the contracting companies participated.

The completed work is the most important of notable undertakings of the Pittsburgh company. The company some years ago completed the construction of a 6-foot steel conduit in Allegheny, nine miles long, then and since frequently spoken of as a remarkable work. The Gillespie company now has the contract for the construction of the West Virginia section of the Wabash railroad entrance to Pittsburg.

This canal and power plant, on which the Gillespie company have just completed its contract, shares honors with the Niagara Power Company for the first place among the world's greatest electrical power developments. The work stands fully as testifying to the skill of thousands of men who have toiled for years. With the aid of scores of Gillespie dredges and steam shovels, especially designed for the work by the Gillespie company there have been lifted and piled up mountains on the banks of this industrial artery untold tons of earth and rocks. The St. Lawrence Power Company, for which the work was done, is incorporated under the laws of New York with $6,000,000 capital.

Canal Three and a Half Miles Long.

In its work the Gillespie company has excavated 8,000,000 cubic yards of earth and has erected the concrete foundations for the great power house and upon other work incidental to the completion of the enterprise. The canal completed and extending from the St. Lawrence river in a southeast direction to the Grasse river, a distance of about three miles and a half, is 1,000 feet wide at the top, 200 feet wide at the water line and about 140 feet at the bottom. Its depth is 21 feet at the St. Lawrence river and not 20 feet near the forebay. The forebay, just above the power house, is about 450 feet and 25 feet deep. The velocity of the flow of water is about three miles and a half an hour. It runs at a comparative level to the artificial falls at Grasse river.

Heretofore Massena, St. Lawrence county, New York, has been known only as a summer resort, with health-giving springs near, and with minor manufacturing interests. The town is 55 miles southwest of Montreal. It is on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg division of the New York Central railroad and on the Grand Trunk, while the New York and Ottawa and the Vermont Central, nearby, are about to build connections to the town.

An Engineer's Discovery.

The fact that the point in St. Lawrence, counting to the sea, scarcely three miles from Massena, is nearly 20 feet higher than the Grasse river, was the discovery of a engineer. He had been driven, with express train speed, down ten miles of the Long Sault Rapids, when he discovered that he could row leisurely up the Grasse river within three miles of its starting point. A subsequent survey developed that the construction of the canal could obtain the same fall in the ten miles of rapids and return the water to the St. Lawrence, seven miles below.

Above the intake to the canal, the St. Lawrence is broken by the head of Long Sault island into two channels, the Long Sault chapel on the north Canadian side, and navigated by all the passenger steamers going down to Montreal, and the Little Sault Rapids on the opposite or American side. The latter feeds the canal with a column of water, which is unfailing.

The entire canal is excavated, no embankment being necessary. This artificial waterway is nearly straight, and is protected at the intake by a slight pier masonry, which will keep out the ice and drift.

Upon the bedrock of the Grasse river the electric power plant has been constructed. The building is about 700 feet long and 150 feet wide. It contains 13 sets of turbines of 5,000 horse-power each. These turbines are on horizontal shafts in contrast to the vertical shafts at Niagara. The dynamos, built for this plant by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, are of 5,000 horse-power each.

Provisions for Dockage.

The depth of the canal and its tunnel breadth contemplate the shipping of the great lakes and the St. Lawrence river, docking anywhere along its length. The power company has purchased 1,000 acres on both sides of the canal with a long frontage along the Grasse river near the power plant. The United States government is making a survey of the Grasse river with intention of dredging it to navigable depth from Massena to the St. Lawrence, which will make Massena a port of entry.

LIKE SUICIDE TO NOMINATE JOHN P. ELKIN

Representative Emery of Venango Says It Will Lose the State to the Republicans.

WILL LOSE COUNTIES

Stone Administration Is Trying to Call Off Judicial Contest in Cambria County Because It Is Injuring Candidacy of Attorney General.

Representative John P. Emery of Venango says that it would be suicidal for the Republican party to nominate Attorney General John P. Elkin for governor. He predicts that the nomination would probably result in the loss of the governorship, the legislature, seven or eight congressmen and countless county officials.

Mr. Emery was an insurgent member of the last house. He says that he intends to be a candidate for re-election, and will go into the Republican primaries. So far no other candidates for assemblyman have appeared in Venango. Mr. Emery is confident that he can be re-elected. The Miller and Sibley influences will undoubtedly oppose him.

"I have no idea that Mr. Elkin will be a candidate for governor when the convention meets," said Mr. Emery. "I am satisfied that the party is not willing to commit suicide. The nomination of Mr. Elkin would mean the hardest fight the Republicans have ever experienced in Pennsylvania.

"While Mr. Elkin might be able to secure the delegates in Venango, he could not carry the county in the fall, and there are dozens of other counties just like ours. While he might be elected, the legislature would be lost and seven or eight congressional districts turned over to the Democracy. The slaughter of Republican county tickets would be awful to contemplate. In Venango next fall we have a full county ticket."

Mr. Emery called attention to the extremely low majorities a number of members of the legislature received in 1900. In a number of Western Pennsylvania counties President McKinley's plurality was in the thousands, while assemblymen struggled through with less than 100 votes to the good. There will be no presidential candidates to assist next fall, and the only issue if Mr. Elkin is the nominee will be the Stone administration.

The Stone administration is reported to be anxious to stop the Barker-O'Connor judicial contest in Cambria county in the interest of the gubernatorial candidacy of John P. Elkin. Stone's machine leaders figure that if the contest continues it will be extremely doubtful if Elkin can get the delegates from Cambria and think that he will have no hope of carrying the county in the fall. The contest is said to have caused an extremely bitter feeling, many Republicans declaring that they will vote the Democratic ticket in the future. It is charged that the Stone machine advised the instituting of the proceedings.

Now that the contest is on and its injurious effects on the Stone machine are apparent, it is reported that the governor will be advised to find a way of possibly healing the wounds. Judge John J. Mitchell of the superior court intends to resign because of ill-health. It was the intention to give this place to Judge John P. Love of Centre, who handed down a decision sustaining Stone's veto of the school appropriation.

According to the latest reports the vacancy on the superior bench may be offered to Judge A. V. Barker. The friends of Stone and Elkin say that this would make it much easier for Elkin to win in Cambria. There is no evidence that a compromise of this kind would be satisfactory to Judge Barker. His friends say that he instituted the contest in good faith and because he believed that he had been fairly elected.

The people who are interested in the plan to attempt to save Cambria to Elkin argue that if Judge Love is elevated to the superior bench the Stone crowd will be the losers in Centre. Stone would appoint a successor to Judge Love, but that man would have to be elected. It is said that ex-Governor D. H. Hastings would be able to defeat the governor's appointee at the polls. The term of Judge Love does not expire until 1905.

THE WEATHER.

Time of sunrise today ..... 7:22 a. m.
Time of sunset today ..... 4:35 p. m.

Daily report for yesterday furnished by the United States weather bureau:

Time.	Baro.	Temp	Hum.	Wind	Weather.
8 a. m.	29.72	40	64	SW.	Cloudy
8 p. m.	29.65	37	91	W.	Rain

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 22:

Temperature.	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896
Maximum	61	34	49	24	39
Minimum	40	30	38	17	17
Mean	54	40	44	20	29
Precipitation	T.	T.	.04	.01	T.

Maximum temperature, 12 noon 40
Minimum temperature, 8 p. m 37
Mean temperature 38
Normal temperature for 31 years 37
Excess in the temperature for the day 1
Deficiency in temperature since Dec. 1 69
Deficiency in temperature since Jan. 1 1,18
Normal precipitation ..... .10
Precipitation for the day ..... .10
Deficiency or excess in precipitation for day ..... .04
Excess in precipitation since Dec. 1 ..... 1.49
Excess in precipitation since Jan 1 ..... 8.61

Government Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:

Western Pennsylvania—Snow or rain Tuesday and probably Wednesday; light to fresh west to southwest winds.

Ohio—Fair Tuesday, except rain along the northeast lake shore. Wednesday, unsettled weather, probably rain; fresh southwest winds, becoming variable.

West Virginia—Clearing in the early morning, followed by fair Tuesday. Wednesday, probably fair; southwest winds.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Pittsburgh	37	Rain	Buffalo	36	Rain
Cincinnati	40	Rain	Philadelp'a	38	Rain
Parkersb'g	38	Rain	New Orleans	64	Clear
Cleveland	36	Cloudy	Jacksonville	66	Cloudy
Washington	36	Rain	St. Louis	42	Clear
Indianapolis	34	Cloudy	Abilene	60	Clear
Oklahoma	50	Clear	Vicksburg	62	Clear
Chicago	44	Clear	Omaha	42	Cloudy
Kan. City	40	Cloudy	N. Platte	30	Clear
Chicago	34	Cloudy	Rapid City	30	Prcidy
Davenport	34	Cloudy	Dodge City	56	Clear
Northwest	36	Cloudy	Salt L. City	30	Cloudy
Memphis	56	Clear	Denver	46	Clear
Shreveport	66	Clear	Qu. Appelle	22	Clear
Charlest'n	64	Clear	Bismarck	32	Cloudy
N. Y. City	38	Cloudy	Helena	36	Clear

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Woman Fatally Shot---Wage Scale May Remain

STEEL PLANT WAGES REMAIN INTACT FOR A YEAR

MR. CORRY GIVES NOTICE

Announcement Affects Mills and Furnaces at New Castle and Sharon.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 23.—Notice was posted in the steel plant here today that the same scale of wages will be paid until January 1, 1903, as has been in force during the past year. This order includes the local steel mill and furnaces of the National Steel Company and the Sharon Steel Company and the furnaces at Sharon. The notice was signed by W. E. Corry, president of the Carnegie company operating the National Steel plants.

This is of the utmost importance, as it shows that the United States Steel Corporation will not cut the wages in non-union mills. Under the strike settlement last September the local steel mill was declared open and the employes signed individual contracts for the year at the same scale the company had signed with Unity lodge of the Amalgamated, whose charter was then surrendered. It was freely said at the time that a cut in wages would be made by the corporation at the first opportunity, but the notice now posted shows that this will not be done.

The Shenango, McKinley and Atlantic furnaces were compelled to close down today on account of a lack of coke. All the industrial plants of this city have been seriously crippled all fall by coal and coke shortages.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 23.—The coke and coal situation which confronts the manufacturers and private consumers in this valley is alarming. The coke companies are delivering but one-third of the supply necessary to keep the furnaces in the valley operating, while all the mills are running from hand to mouth. For the past two days the Mahoning Valley Railroad Company has been operating its line from Warren to Lowellville, 23 miles, by burning ties. Two carloads of coal were received today, but these will last but a day.

MAY SETTLE A STRIKE.

Effort in Philadelphia to End the Scranton Struggle.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—William T. Mahon of Detroit, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes, came to this city today to meet ex-Lieut. Gov. Watres by appointment. The two had a long conference on the situation in the trolley strike at Scranton. It is believed there is some hope of a settlement in the near future.

The trolley employes of Scranton have been on strike for a number of weeks and are still standing firm for their demands. The company has been steadily losing money, as citizens refuse to ride in the cars.

Fire Victims Recovering.

DUBOIS, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Reports from Mr. and Mrs. John Ashbaugh and the three children who were injured in the fire that destroyed their home and cremated four members of their household on Saturday, tonight say that the man and woman and two youngest children are improving and their recovery is anticipated. The 8-year-old boy, Hermann, is in a critical condition and there is not much hope of his recovery.

Explosion Wrecks Building.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Five hundred quarts of nitroglycerin stored in a magazine owned by the Producers Glycerin Company, three miles from Findlay, exploded this morning. Several thousand panes of glass were broken in this city and large amounts of plaster shaken from ceilings and walls. Several farm buildings in the immediate vicinity were completely wrecked, but no lives were lost.

Prisoners' Escape Not Regretted.

ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Four vagrants, who were placed in the cellar of the city hall to shovel coal, made their escape through a window today. The prisoners were regarded as a nuisance and general satisfaction is expressed that the labor at which they were put caused them to leave the city.

Mayor Fatally Injured.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Joel H. Walker, mayor of Mount Pleasant, O., was fatally injured this afternoon in a peculiar manner. He was putting up a mantel in his room, using a long-bladed knife, and while drawing it toward him, he fell and the knifeblade was plunged into his left breast.

Fired at Something.

John Bowman, who said he was a farmer and lived at Ft. Wayne, Ind., was sent to Central station about 9 o'clock last night by Capt. Bartley Colley of No. 1 engine company. He had gone there in an intoxicated condition and said two men had tried to rob him in Block House way, near Second avenue, and that he drove them away by shooting at them. At Central station a revolver was found on him with five empty cartridges in it.

Robbed by Sneak Thieves.

A pair of sneak thieves secured $40 from the cash drawer in the grocery store of Joseph Lapienski, in Heisel street, Homestead, shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Lapienski was absent and his wife was in charge of the store. Two men entered, and, while one of them detained Mrs. Lapienski in the front of the store, the other fellow rifled the cash drawer of its entire contents, amounting to $40. The thieves got away.

Killed While Coasting.

Deputy Coroner Mark Donley held an inquest at McKeesport yesterday into the death of Covington Campbell, a 7-year-old boy, who was killed while coasting there on Saturday. While riding down a hill he crashed into a wagon and was so badly injured that he died a few minutes later. His death was found to be accidental and the driver of the wagon was exonerated from responsibility.

Liabilities, $2,093,644; Assets, None.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Robert Berger, former partner of Edward S. Dryer, the banker, who, after several trials was convicted of embezzlement of funds of the West Park board of Chicago, filed a petition in bankruptcy today, scheduling $2,093,644 liabilities. There are no assets.

Effective Advertising.

The construction and preparation of effective advertising depends upon the time and quality of brain that is expended upon the matter. In each and every case the writer must give the advertisement a careful and close study, else the space so used becomes unprofitable to the advertiser. The Mercantile Advertising Company, which is under the direct management of Mr. Robert W. Egan, an old-time newspaper writer of this city, undertakes to give entire satisfaction in the writing line. The advertiser who employs this agency will always have the benefit of the broadest experience based upon force, skill and art. Being fully possessed of all the ramifications of the business, they solicit a trial.

Officers Elected.

The following officers of the Allegheny County Political club were elected last night: President Adolph Edlis; first vice president, Max Robin; second vice president, Hiett; third vice president, Henry Amdursky; secretary, Benjamin C. Barton; treasurer, I. Hofkosky; directors, M. Fritler, Louis Kalkisky, F. A. Sandomeri, Max Silverman, Max Larenson, Louis Alpern, Samuel Hantman; executive committee, Max Robin, chairman; Adolph Edlis, Benjamin C. Barton, A. C. Stelle, I. Hofkofsky, Samuel Vuta, E. Amdursky, and Max Silverman.

WATER FROM TANK FLOODED THE TOWN

Frozen Pipes Bursted, Causing Much Damage at Beaver Falls.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
BEAVER FALLS, PA., Dec. 23.—Last night the supply pipes leading to the top of the big 50,000 gallon tank of the Union Water Company of this place, located on College hill, froze up and burst, and the contents of the tank ran down over the hillside flooding the city and doing considerable damage.

The emptying of the tank will not affect the fire or domestic service of this place, but will that of College hill. In case of fire here the water can be forced at a high pressure into the street mains directly from the pumping station. The damage to pipes and connections will reach several thousand dollars.

PATTISON IN THE COLD.

Ex-Judge Gordon and Magistrate Donnelly in Double Harness.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—When the members of the Democratic city committee met tonight in the Donnelly and Ryan headquarters they found looking down upon them a life-sized portrait of ex-Judge James Guy Gordon, the most bitter and relentless enemy the committee has ever had to deal with. Two weeks ago this picture would have been made a target for brickbats. Tonight it was greeted with applause. The incident was an object lesson in the successful harmony deal brought about by Col. J. M. Guffey.

Judge Gordon and Magistrate Donnelly are now in double harness, while ex-Gov. Pattison, who, together with Gordon, fought Donnelly and Ryan, has been given a seat away back. Pattison is nursing his wrath but must bide his time.

In conformity with the recent peace agreement the Donnelly committee tonight named three men who will serve jointly with three Gordon men and three from the Hasson committee, in forming new rules for the primaries. The joint committee meets Friday.

TURK'S STRANGE TALE.

Secures Pardon from Gov. Nash of Ohio on Unusual Grounds.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23.—Gov. Nash today pardoned Abraham Dahrouge, a Syrian, who was sent from Cincinnati in 1899 for having sold a rented typewriter. Dahrouge tells a strange story in his statement to the governor. He claims to have been sent to Cincinnati in 1898 by Ali Farough Bey, Turkish minister at Washington, to investigate a society of his countrymen which, he claims, was organized to conspire against the Turkish government.

According to his story, he took a traitor unwittingly into his employ, and this man, who was also a Syrian and a member of the society Dahrouge was sent to investigate, secured access to certain secret correspondence between Dahrouge and Consul General Ali Farough Bey, and betrayed Dahrouge to the other members of the conspiracy and Dahrouge claims that a plot to ruin him was formed.

Blacksmiths' Wages Increased.

POTTSVILLE, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The employes of the blacksmith department of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company's repair shops, at this place, have received an increase in wages as a Christmas present. The increase is from 5 to 15 per cent. This makes from $3.50 to $4 difference in the men's pay every two weeks. About 100 hands are affected. This is the fourth increase in wages at the Pottsville shops within a year.

Flowers Taken by Mistake.

BEAVER FALLS, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The decorations that were taken from the Sixth Avenue theater Friday morning so mysteriously have been found at New Brighton, where the flowers were taken to decorate a church. It is claimed that their removal was the result of a misunderstanding and no prosecutions will follow.

White Christmas for Altoona.

ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A white Christmas is a certainty this year for this city and vicinity. Snow has been falling since morning and tonight it continues to come down unceasingly. It has already reached a depth of eight inches and for the first time during the present season, the jingle of the sleigh bells is heard.

Bought Fire Clay Land.

TORONTO, O., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Myers Clay Manufacturing Company of this city, a newly chartered company for the manufacture of sewer pipe and fire brick, today purchased from John Cochran, 216 additional acres of fire clay and coal for $12,500. The company is sinking a shaft and will rapidly erect probably the largest clay plant in this section.

Sued for Baby's Death.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Natal Barr, living near New Florence, has brought an action in the courts against the Conemaugh Stone Company to recover $5,000 for the death of his child. While workmen were blasting a large rock, a missile was hurled for nearly a quarter of a mile and crashed through the roof of the Barr home and killed the baby.

To Erect Large Building.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Lawrence Savings & Trust Company, the most recently formed financial institution of this city, has purchased the Wilder property on Washington street from Percy L. Craig, and will erect a large office and business block. The land sold for $620, a foot front on Washington street.

Will Get Christmas Dividends.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Five years ago James Gardner, a Hollidaysburg banker, died insolvent, leaving unpaid liabilities of many thousand dollars. Tomorrow over 300 depositors of the bank will receive a Christmas dividend of 15 per cent of their respective claims.

Prominent Farmer Missing.

BLAIRSVILLE, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Harvey Reed, a well-known farmer and dairyman of near this place, has been missing for several days, and his friends are alarmed for his safety. Mr. Reed, a week ago, went to Turtle Creek, Braddock and Pittsburgh to collect money and has not been heard from since. In Turtle Creek he collected $110. Reed was a former telegraph operator.

Ohio Town Without Coal.

LIMA, O., Dec. 23.—There has not been a pound of soft or hard coal in this city since last Wednesday. The fuel famine is unprecedented and there is no sign of relief. Wood has gone as high as $10 a cord and hundreds of people walk miles into the country to meet wagons coming into the city and make purchases.

Troops Off for Philippines.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23.—A detachment of 453 recruits, with full complement of officers under command of Captain Dunning of the Sixteenth infantry, left the United States barracks today, bound for the Philippines. They are to sail from the Pacific coast about January 15.

Will Meet on Christmas.

The H. L. A. C. and Westinghouse A. C. Association football teams will meet at Homestead on Christmas afternoon. The Westinghouse team is from East Pittsburgh, and is reputed to be very strong. The Homestead management has decided to save the strongest line-up possible in the field.

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MYSTERIOUS BULLET MAY CAUSE DEATH OF A WOMAN

WAS STANDING AT DEPOT

Bystanders Say They Saw a Man Disappear After the Shooting.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 23.—A mysterious shooting of which Mrs. Fleet Riddle, wife of the way boss at the Black Band coal mines, was the victim, occurred this evening at Spring Hill, near this city. The bullet entered her head at the base of the brain, inflicting a wound which is considered fatal.

Mrs. Riddle had gone to the Chesapeake & Ohio depot to meet some friends. The shot was fired as the train pulled out and some of the bystanders claim to have seen a man disappear around the depot immediately afterward. Others say it was fired from the rear platform of the train. It is thought the shooting was the act of a drunken man.

ROBBED BY MASKED MEN.

Merchant Held Up in His Store and Relieved of $150.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Two masked men tonight held Isaac Conley in his store at Arbutus, across the river from this city, and secured about $150.

One of the robbers covered Conley and another man who was in the store at the time with two revolvers while the other ransacked his pockets and the money drawer. The robbers escaped. The Arbutus postoffice occupies a portion of the store. It was not entered.

Shot at His Wife.

WARREN, O., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Great excitement was occasioned at DeForest today by the effort of J. B. Flaherty, a Baltimore & Ohio brakeman, to shoot his wife. He pursued the woman to a neighbor's and fired at her through a broken glass in the door. When disarmed he got a shotgun, but before he could use it, several railroad men apprehended him and brought him to the Warren jail. On a car coming to Warren Flaherty made a desperate attempt to escape but was overpowered. The wife was not hurt.

STATE AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

DONORA, PA.—The drug store of Dr. Mullen was almost totally wrecked by a gas explosion.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—John Craig of Wampum was killed near his home by being struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train.

GREENSBURG, PA.—A little son of Levi D. Fry of East Greensburg fell into a tub of boiling water and was scalded to death.

ALLIANCE, O.—John Connerth, aged 21 years, fell from a crane at the Morgan engineering works and was instantly killed.

NILES, O.—The county commissioners have agreed to build a new bridge across Mosquito creek in this city. The bridge will cost at least $6,000.

SHARON, PA.—Paul Lawrence, aged about 45 years, was struck by an Erie & Pittsburgh passenger train last evening and probably fatally injured.

BEAVER FALLS, PA.—A Christmas thankoffering was made at the Methodist Episcopal church of this place yesterday, and $1,200 was collected to apply on the church debt.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—The Rev. D. T. Thomas of Cleveland has accepted the call of the Plymouth Congregational church here, and will assume his new charge on February 10.

WILKESBARRE, PA.—Three large hoists at No. 9 slope of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at Sugar Notch, exploded last night, doing considerable damage to the slope.

STEUBENVILLE, O.—W. F. P. St. Clair, the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad agent here, has been appointed general manager for the Salem (O.) railroad, owned by Col. Myron T. Herrick.

HAMILTON, O.—The Hamilton & Lindenwald Electric Transit Company gave the Cleveland Trust Company a $240,000 mortgage to cover bonds to be issued for extensions and improvements.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.—Peter Anderwise and Joseph Mesroc, Hungarians, were killed at Redstone Junction, on the Southwest Pennsylvania railroad, last night. The men were struck by a freight train.

KITTANNING, PA.—John Boyd, colored, who was convicted of murder in the second degree, was sentenced by Judge Patton to 12 years in the penitentiary. Boyd killed John Fitzgerald at Johnetta on November 25.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.—Charles Lane, a veteran conductor of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was making a coupling at Cassleman, when he fell under the cars. One leg was cut off, and he is so badly hurt that his life is despaired of.

MERCER, PA.—The postoffice in this place was entered and the combination of the safe wrecked and about $2 in change secured. Night Watchman Hemley fired several shots after the fleeing men. An overcoat and several tools were left behind.

LANCASTER, PA.—John B. Livingston, president judge of the court of Lancaster county, took the oath of office for his fourth term of ten years. Eugene G. Smith was sworn in as the first judge of the orphans court of Lancaster county, just instituted.

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CENSURE FOR DEAD MAN

Mrs. Moore, the Wife of the Man Who Fired the Fatal Shot, Is Prostrated by the Shock—Old Comrades Will Contribute for Defense.

The citizens of the Ninth ward, Allegheny, are in sympathy with John W. Moore, who shot and killed his son-in-law, Thomas Mawhinnie, on Sunday afternoon, in front of the latter's home in Farragut avenue, Jacks Run. Many of them say openly that the aged man was justified in taking the violent measures he did. Aversion and contempt is all that is expressed for Mawhinnie. Those who knew him say that he was of a domineering and overbearing character, and that when he was intoxicated he was dangerous.

Moore is personally liked in his neighborhood and his friends speak in the highest terms about him. He is known as an industrious man, and one who is exceptionally good to his family, and it is also said that he is a man of excellent habits.

The members of the old man's family are greatly distressed over his present position and dread the outcome of his trial, fearing that the extreme penalty of the law may be meted out to him. The veterans of Moore's old regiment will be asked to contribute funds so that competent attorneys may be retained to defend him in his trial. While the family have always been self-sustaining they are wholly without the necessary means to carry on the defense that will have to be made in his case.

Mrs. Moore Prostrated.

Mrs. Moore was in a distressed condition when The Gazette reporter called at her home at No. 173 Cass avenue yesterday afternoon. She feels her position keenly. Her relatives fear that she is too old to stand the suspense, and will not survive the shock of her husband's sudden deed. While the reporter was there several persons called to see her. They assured her that her husband would receive consideration in his trial. They claimed that he had just provocation for his violent action, and that any father would have done as he did.

Down in the valley of Jacks Run there is a grief-stricken woman. Her husband is dead and her aged father is in the Allegheny county jail charged with being his murderer. She left her mother's house yesterday morning. The undertakers have prepared Mawhinnie's body for burial, and he will be interred in the Uniondale cemetery this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Many of his fellow workmen called at the Mawhinnie home yesterday. Mrs. Mawhinnie refused to discuss the affair. She said that she had witnessed the tragedy, and it would not be wise for her to talk at this time. Mrs. Moore, however, is loud in her censure of her dead son-in-law. She claims that he was a brutal and savage man, and that he was overbearing to his wife and family.

A Father's Just Anger.

"I know I should never have told my husband of the brutal treatment my daughter received from her husband on Friday last," she said to the reporter. "I knew that it would madden him. But what was I to do in the matter? He saw Rosey at the house and demanded of me to tell him the object of her visit here. Finally I did so. The result is this fearful tragedy. When I told him that Rosey had asked her husband's permission to go to town and get some presents for the children and to bring a sack of flour home, and that he replied to her with curses and then knocked her down and kicked her, he became thoroughly enraged.

"Thoroughly angered by the story, he said that he could not tolerate such abusive treatment to a child of his. I then told him that Rosey had asked her husband on Thursday to bring the flour home with him and that he failed to do it; that he had also called her vile names. This was too much for any human being to stand. But Mawhinnie has always been a brute. His first wife, Rosey Watson, was prompted to kill herself because of his brutal treatment of her. She ended her existence by taking 'rough on rats.' They had one child, a girl about 8 years old, and she has always lived with her stepmother.

Moore's Good War Record.

"My husband has always been respected wherever we have been. He served in the civil war and was a member of the Sixth West Virginia infantry. He received an honorable discharge. He enlisted in Roseburg, Preston county, W. Va. He was formerly a member of Post No. 128, G. A. R., of this city. This post was disorganized some years ago and afterward reorganized, but he did not become a member at the reorganization."

John Jenkins, formerly an alderman in the Ninth ward, called at the home of Mrs. Moore yesterday afternoon. He has known Moore for 15 years. "He is a sober, industrious man," he said, "and he was justified in taking the violent means he did to suppress such brutality. Moore is an inoffensive man and I think that any respectable parent would have become enraged at such conduct. Such treatment would engender the wrath in any person with human instinct."

John Blank, a son-in-law of Moore's, was also at the house of Mrs. Moore yesterday. He upbraided the actions of Mawhinnie toward his wife. "He always was overbearing in his manner," he said. "Since he was married to Rosey he has treated her with brutality. He kicked her and knocked her down on Friday simply upon a request that she made to come to the city for flour and some toys for the children. Almost any parent would have become violent."

Moore's Many Friends.

A. F. Mulzig, proprietor of the Eureka hotel at No. 191 Cass avenue, has known Moore for years. When the reporter called at this place yesterday afternoon he said that he had always known Moore to be an inoffensive, industrious man. "He was a kind parent and a good husband," he said. "He always worked hard and I suppose I saw him every day during the last five years. He was fond of his children, and if any of them were badly treated he felt it keenly. I also knew Mawhinnie. He was of a swagger, overbearing character. When he was intoxicated he was insolent."

Frank Starr of No. 181 Cass avenue has known Moore for five years. He told the reporter yesterday that he was a quiet, inoffensive man. He said that he was a hard worker and provided for his family.

Frank Schweiter, a son-in-law of Thomas Moore, is loud in his praise for his father-in-law. He said that Moore was easily offended at any injustice done his family.

Mrs. Moore learned late in the afternoon that some of the members of Moore's old post intended to aid him in his trouble.

MAWHINNIE'S HOME

THOMAS MAWHINNIE AND WIFE

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DEWEY'S NAME GREETED WITH LOUD APPLAUSE

Hero of Manila Cheered at Annual Banquet of New England Society.

JUSTICE BREWER SPEAKS

Prophecies Glorious and Peaceful Future for United States—Language of Diplomacy Has Grown Simple.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The 21st annual banquet of the New England society of Pennsylvania was held tonight in Horticultural hall, covers being laid for nearly 400 members and guests. Assistant United States Attorney General James M. Beck, president of the society, opened the speechmaking with a brief address. In coming down the line of the illustrious New Englanders present Beck mentioned the name of "George Dewey." This was the signal for an outburst of applause such as was not repeated during the remainder of the evening. The chairman introduced as the first speaker Associate Justice David J. Brewer of the United States supreme court, who responded to the toast "The United States; a World-Power." Justice Brewer's address was frequently punctured by applause. Among other things he said:

The twentieth century brings us face to face with new conditions, and we are conscious that the United States of America have become a more important factor in the worlds thought. Some may think the Spanish war wrought the great change. This is hardly so. It may have cleared the air and brought us face to face with the consciousness of the change, but silent forces of commerce and religion have been at work for years bringing about that result.

Again and again it is stated that the United States have now become a world power. So they have, but what is meant by the term, a world power, and how are we to justify our right to that title? Not by the manifestation of military or naval strength. While wars will be, as wars have been, and while there will be, as wars have been, and while there will be, as wars have been, and while there

SHAW OF IOWA SOON MAY FILL POST OF GAGE

Gov. Crane, of Massachusetts, Declines the Office for Two Good Reasons.

SOME AVAILABLE TIMBER

Rivalry Between East and West to Furnish the Man—Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland and Director of Census Merriam Are Possibilities.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU, 498 Fifteenth St., N.W. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.

President Roosevelt was today advised that Gov. Crane of Massachusetts would not accept the appointment tendered him of secretary of the treasury, and he is now engaged in considering the ability of a number of citizens who would not, it is believed, decline.

The name most confidently mentioned this afternoon is that of Gov. Shaw of Iowa. He retired from the governorship of that state next month. An obstacle in the path of Gov. Shaw is the fact that Secretary Wilson is also from Iowa, but this objection, it will be remembered, was no bar to Attorney General Knox of Pittsburgh, who hails from the same state as Postmaster General Smith.

A telegram from Des Moines, Ia., tonight says Gov. Shaw, when interviewed this afternoon, said the rumor of his selection repeated by the reporter was his first intimation of the matter he had received, and he had no information to give out on the subject.

Among other possible nominations is that of Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland. Mr. Herrick was to have been appointed an ambassador if President McKinley had lived, and it is now said he may be tendered the treasury portfolio as a recognition of his ability and work in the party. Senator Hanna was at the White House when word came that Gov. Crane had declined, and it is believed that he put in a good word for his friend, Mr. Herrick.

There is a possibility of a contest between the west and east over the selection of a man to fill the cabinet vacancy. The west has always been jealous of the influence of Wall street in Washington and has regularly protested against the treasury portfolio going there. President Harrison yielded to the west by selecting Secretary Windom of Minnesota and President McKinley did the same by selecting Secretary Gage of Chicago. Both selections were satisfactory to the east, and the west is now endeavoring to bring about another selection of the same character.

Director of the Census Merriam of Minnesota is mentioned for the portfolio. Mr. Merriam will retire from office soon, as the work of the census is nearing completion. President McKinley desired to have him in the cabinet, but could not owing to the bitter opposition of the late Senator Davis of Minnesota to Mr. Merriam; but the senator is now dead and Mr. Merriam's many influential friends in the west and east are hoping that he may be selected.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Gov. Crane gave out this statement this afternoon: "I have felt obliged to decline the appointment of secretary of the treasury, tendered me by the president, on account of illness in my family and inability to arrange my business affairs at such short notice."

PHILIPPINE DECISION.

Secretary Long Agrees With Judge Advocate General That Islands Are Domestic.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The secretary of the navy has approved an opinion of the judge advocate general that the Philippine Islands are United States territory, so far as the statute of limitations applies to naval offenses.

In the case in question a sailor deserted from the navy over two years ago and enlisted in the army. His regiment was serving in the Philippines and he remained with it. The naval authorities, learning of his whereabouts, instituted proceedings for his trial by court-martial on the charge of desertion.

The case came before the judge advocate general, who decided that the statute of limitation barred prosecution for the offense, it having occurred more than two years ago and the alleged deserter not having left the territory of the United States. Secretary Long directed a discontinuance of the proceedings against the sailor.

PLEBISCITE PROPOSED.

Denmark Thinks West Indies Should Decide for or Against Coming to Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Negotiations between the governments of the United States and Denmark, looking to the cession of the Danish West Indies, are dragging. No substantial progress has been made since last week.

The latest suggestion from the Danish side is that the people of the islands determine by a plebiscite whether or not they shall be ceded to the United States. The outcome of such a test cannot be foretold, for the strong feeling of attachment for the mother country on the one hand might be offset by the great trade advantages expected to follow.

CONSCIENCE FUND CASE.

It Complicates Claim of Minor Children Who Lost Their Pension.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—(Special)—The comptroller of the currency today rendered a decision in a peculiar case that was brought before him from Washington, Pa. Oliver C. Polock, the guardian appointed for the minor children of Moses A. Blue of Washington, drew pensions for them amounting to $150 14, and then disappeared. Afterward he turned the money into the treasury as a conscience contribution. In the meantime Dr. D. H. Lewis had been appointed guardian for the children and he recently applied to the treasury department for the money turned in by his predecessor as guardian. The comptroller decides that he cannot order this to be done, but that the money will be turned over to the commissioner of pensions, who can pay it to Dr. Lewis as the guardian of the children.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized S. C. Wetmore, Andrew Mitchell, A. M. Place, Justus Bishop, J. H. Wheeler and others to organize the First National bank of Jermyn, Pa., on $25,000 capital.

The comptroller has authorized the Oxford (O.) National bank to commence business on $50,000 capital and with the following officers: Josiah A. Welsh, president; C. A. Bhers, cashier.

The comptroller has approved the following selections of reserve agents by banks: The Pittsburgh National Bank of Commerce by the First National bank of Leechburg, Pa.; the Federal National bank of Pittsburgh by the First National bank of Belmont, O.

THE PENSION ROLL.

Veterans, Their Widows and Dependents Provided For.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The following pensions were granted today:

Pennsylvania—Louis Hammer, Johnstown, $8; Wynter Davis, Cabra City, $8; James Hunt, Big Run, $8; Marcus E. Day, Tidioute, $8; Levi W. Heth, New Era, $17; Frederick C. Rodgers, Erie, $2 66; John Ward, Canonsburg, $12; Hannah E. Getz, New Cumberland, $12; Julia A. Snyder, Kittanning, $12; Mary E. Pugh, Altoona, $12.

Ohio—Harry Collins, Caldwell, $6; Wescom R. Nelson, Byesville, $10; Benjamin Trainer, Byesville, $10; Calvin Hobart, Dilworth, $17; James Brown, Youngstown, $24; Edgar M. Trunick, Lisbon, $30; Nancy M. Hurd, Tallmadge, $8; Anna M. Probst, Abbeyville, $8; Vora R. Bryan, Conesville, $8; Elizabeth Johnson, Chandlersville, $12; Julia Yates, East Liverpool, $12.

West Virginia—John R. Everitt, Berkeley Springs, $14; Monika Riester, Wheeling, $8.

PRESIDENT THROWS COLD WATER ON SECTIONALISM.

Representatives Moody and Crumpacker Meet Scant Encouragement in Reduction Scheme.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.] (Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Co.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Representatives Moody and Crumpacker, who have been seeking executive aid for their proposition to reduce southern representation, have met with little encouragement. They had been hoping that the president might be induced to take a prominent part in the matter, but have found he is inclined to give it the cold shoulder, although it is said he would sign a bill should congress go so far as to pass one. Cold water has also been thrown upon the proposition by southern Republicans, and this adds to the perplexity of the fathers of the scheme; but it is not enough to deter them from making a move.

Mr. Crumpacker is said to have enough signatures to his call for a caucus to authorize the meeting, and it now seems probable that the question of the alleged over-representation in the south will be taken up by the Republicans soon after the holidays. Unless there develops a strong sentiment at once in the caucus for taking action it is likely to be dropped for this session. Mr. Payne's appearance in the cabinet, however, has given the friends of the Moody resolution new hope, as he is known to be much interested in the question.

EXPELLED FROM TURKEY.

Naturalized American Citizens There Will Probably Have to Leave.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The state department confirms the report that Mr. Eddy, our charge at Constantinople, is in correspondence with the Porte relative to the proposed expulsion of naturalized American citizens from Turkey unless these citizens abandon their allegiance to the United States.

Owing to the absence of a naturalization treaty between the United States and Turkey our government has no special authority to interfere in behalf of these naturalized citizens as against an edict of expulsion.

POINTERS FROM ROOSEVELT.

New Police Commissioner of New York at the White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Col. John N. Partridge, who is to be police commissioner of New York under Mayor Low, came to Washington this morning and saw the president for a long time. The subject under discussion was the police department of the city of New York, on which subject the president is regarded by both Mayor Low and Col. Partridge as an expert.

The presence of Hugh Bonner, who was formerly chief of the New York fire department, and was forced out by Fire Commissioner Scannell to make room for the nephew of Richard Croker, is understood to have been connected with the visit of Col. Partridge. Mr. Bonner talked with the president, and when Col. Partridge left the White House he was asked if it was true that Mr. Bonner was to be his deputy. He replied that Mr. Bonner's name had been mentioned. His manner indicated that the position had been offered to the former fire chief with the approval of President Roosevelt, but Col. Partridge would not make the definite announcement.

POSTAL MATTERS.

Free Rural Delivery Routes for Columbiana County, O.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—These rural free delivery routes have been ordered established February 1 in Columbiana county, O.: East Palestine, two carriers, Joseph Hall and W. A. Fleming; area covered, 49 square miles; population served, 1,325. Milport, one carrier, Charles M. Tedlinger; area covered, 24 square miles; population served, 625. The postoffice at Unity will be discontinued and Dungannon supplied by carrier.

The following postmasters were appointed today: Lajose, Clearfield county, A. T. Wilson; Sinnemahoning, Cameron county, C. A. Coutell.

The postoffice at Maple Creek, Forest county, Pa., will be discontinued December 31, and the mail sent thereafter to Gilfoyle.

The office at Glen Jean, Fayette county, W. Va., has been re-established, with George F. Daniels as postmaster.

IN HONOR OF MISS CAREW.

Mrs. Roosevelt Gives Society an Opportunity to Meet Her Sister.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Roosevelt's tea this afternoon, from 4 to 6, to meet Miss Carew, her sister, was a delightful event. The reception rooms of the White House were thrown open. Tea was served in the state dining-room by the corps of young lady assistants. Mrs. Roosevelt welcomed the guests in the blue parlor, which was made attractive by baskets of flowers from the conservatory and a bright open fire.

Assisting in the pleasures of the afternoon were the cabinet ladies and their daughters, Secretary to President and Mrs. Cortelyou, Commander and Mrs. Cowles, Col. and Mrs. Bingham, the chief justice and Mrs. Fuller, Justice Gray and Mrs. Gray, Chief Justice and Mrs. Nott, the British ambassador and Lady Pauncefote and the Misses Pauncefote.

U. T. Washington at White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Booker Washington was with the president for some time to-day. He was received in the cabinet room. While he was talking to the president Secretary Hitchcock arrived and Mr. Washington left in company with the secretary of the interior.

One Pittsburgh Marriage a Failure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Through Attorney E. B. Hay Mary A. Gross this afternoon instituted proceedings for divorce against Henry R. Gross. The parties were married at Pittsburgh in 1896. Mrs. Gross alleges that her husband deserted her January 15, 1898.

Missouri Political Feud Reopens.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Charles Wenneker, who was nominated for collector of internal revenue for the St. Louis district just before the holiday recess of congress, but whose nomination was not confirmed, has telegraphed the president to withdraw his name. This will revive the feud between the rival Republican factions.

An Art Calendar.

A large and handsome lithograph representing an exciting stag hunt, and showing the 12 months of the year, constitutes the make-up of a next year's calendar which is being circulated by Messrs. Carels & Gould, the designers and manufacturers of high-class saddlery, of No. 310 Penn avenue, city. It is one of the finest productions of its kind and really so neat that it will serve as an ornament anywhere.

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WILL BE HERE IN MARCH

Committee Feared to Wait Until All the Scheduled Recitals Were Finished Because They Did Not Want to Risk a Refusal of Offer.

For the second time Pittsburgh turns to to England for its organist. Edwin H. Lemare, organist and choirmaster of St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, has been unanimously elected to succeed the late Frederic Archer. The election took place last Tuesday evening, and on Thurs-

EDWIN H. LEMARE,
Who Has Accepted the Position of Organist at the Carnegie Music Hall.

day by a cable message to the board of trustees of Carnegie Institute, Mr. Lemare accepted the honor tendered him.

The news of Mr. Lemare's selection, as published in The Gazette of yesterday, was somewhat of a surprise to local musicians and music lovers. It was expected that the trial performances which have presented a different performer each week at Carnegie music hall would continue until all the players of note in the country had been heard. It is explained that the trustees were limited to Saturday last in Mr. Lemare's case. He is a musician who is in much demand, and the trustees, who were already unanimous in his favor, feared that he might tie himself up in contracts that would prevent his coming here. It was this fact that hastened their action. Whether it will influence the engagements with other organists who were expected to appear here from time to time is not yet known.

Took No Chances of Refusal.

Mr. George H. Wilson, manager of Carnegie music hall, said yesterday that the three or four who were listed to come had been notified of the committee's action. "We thought it no more than fair to so," said Mr. Wilson. "It was understood when the engagements were made that upon the performances depended the selection of an official organist. That the trustees were obliged to decide by Saturday, so far as Mr. Lemare was concerned, is the only reason for their early decision.

"Lest there should be some criticism of the apparently hasty action of the trustees, it would be well to say that it is hardly likely that in the end a musician of so great a reputation as Mr. Lemare has could be found for the position. When William T. Best, who was considered the greatest English organist, died, by universal consent Lemare was accepted as his successor. He was educated in a liberal school; like Mr. Archer he excels in his transcriptions and has all the brilliance of execution possessed by the great French organists.

Lemare's Appointment Urged.

"We have had hundreds of letters from the best critics of the day, recommending Mr. Lemare's selection. Here is one from H. W. Parker of Yale university. Mr. Parker says: 'I think Lemare the most available person to succeed Archer.' This letter came to us entirely unsolicited."

Mr. Lemare played in this city shortly after Mr. Archer's death. He had just completed an American tour, which was limited to 15 recitals. Returning to London, he was surprised to learn that he had been selected to give a series of pay recitals in Queen's hall and Royal Albert hall in addition to his regular free recitals at Westminster, which have been rated as among the chief events of the London music season.

Edwin H. Lemare, Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and Fellow of the Royal Academy of Musicians, is about 38 years of age. He inherited his talents from his father, who is still the organist at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ventnor. At the age of 11 years he won the Sir John Goss scholarship, a much-coveted prize, since it admits the possessor to the Royal Academy of Music. Lemare studied there six years, under the famous Sir George Macfarren, his brother, Walter Macfarren, and Dr. Steggall.

Was Famous as a Boy.

At 19 years of age he won a fellowship in the Royal College of Organists and a few years later was made a fellow of the Royal Academy of Music.

Mr. Lemare's first regular appointment was as organist of the church of St. John the Evangelist at Finsbury Park. Not long afterward he gained the appointment of organist to the Park hall, Cardiff, in competition with 120 other applicants. His work here attracted much attention, and he was soon engaged in a series of bi-weekly recitals, at which his audiences often reached 2,000 people.

His next engagement was at Sheffield, where he remained six years. Sheffield possesses, as a part of the equipment of its fine Albert hall, a magnificent specimen of the art of the French organ builder, Cavaille-Coll, and on this organ, as well as the organ of the Nottingham Mechanics hall, Mr. Lemare gave many organ recitals which steadily increased his fame.

Teacher as Well as Performer.

About nine years ago Mr. Lemare became organist and choirmaster at Holy Trinity church, London. Here it was that his really extraordinary power, both as organist and choir trainer, won him national honor. His organ recitals soon brought organists and organ lovers from all parts of the European continent to England. He formed a great choir, which gave remarkable renditions of oratorios. During the last five years, at his present post of St. Margaret's, Westminster, his performances have increased his popularity.

Mr. W. N. Frew, president of the board of trustees of Carnegie institute, is enthusiastic over the acquisition of Mr. Lemare as city organist. He says the city is to be congratulated in securing the services of one who holds so distinguished a position in his art as Mr. Lemare. The election is for a term of five years, beginning March 1, 1902.

Mr. Lemare's salary will be $4,000 a year, the same [illegible] which was paid to Mr. Archer. [illegible] from the city's [illegible] balance of [illegible]

EMPLOYES OPPOSE PASS ABOLITION.

PAYING OF RAILROAD FARE MAKES POSITIONS LESS DESIRABLE.

All Classes of Railroad Men Are Affected, but Traffic-Getting Department Suffers Most—Agents Complain of Recent Innovations Aimed at Them.

One of the notable developments of the recent anti-pass crusade of railroad presidents in trunk line and central territories has been in the market symptoms of disaffection arising from the employes. This dissatisfaction seems to be confined to no particular class, but to have spread generally throughout the service. Many railroad men are known to be on the watch for other positions, and not a few resignations have been made by men in the traffic getting departments. To their friends they give as the reason their belief that their positions are becoming each year more undesirable; that in other employments, especially the many manufacturing industries, of such a center as this, they see a chance for advancement, lacking on the railroads, where, they say, every move of the officials is adverse to the interests of the operating and traffic men.

This feeling is very marked among the local agents. The ability to take a ride whenever opportunity allowed, without the expense of purchasing tickets for themselves or family, has kept many a man in his position, they claim, when more remunerative employment was open to them. If the outcome of the present movement is to cut them out of this advantage, their work loses a great attraction.

Among themselves this is one of the most frequent subjects of conversation. The tightening of the pass question comes home to them with an effect that they say is not appreciated by the higher officials, to whom the cost of transportation would be less significant.

The abolition of commissions a few years ago cut from the local agents much of their income, and at the same time no compensating increase of salary was made. Since that time there have been various movements, all tending in the same direction. The feeling of discontent with their position is already very general.

For the present anti-exchange pass movement there is general inquiry as to the originators of the plan. There seems to be little doubt that President Truesdale of the Lackawanna is largely responsible. There has been some talk that President Ramsey of the Wabash took an active part in promoting the plan. It can be stated on the authority of one who was present at the famous October meeting of presidents that Mr. Ramsey was among the most hostile of all the presidents to the plan, and was the last to sign the agreement.

FEW SPURIOUS TICKETS HERE.

How the Pennsylvania Guards Against Counterfeits and Alterations.

"There is very little counterfeiting or alteration of tickets practiced on the Pennsylvania lines," said Col. Samuel Moody, assistant general passenger agent, yesterday, when asked for his experience with the practices discovered by General Passenger Agent H. C. Townsend of the Missouri Pacific in Kansas City. The latter were described in yesterday's Gazette. One of the precautions of the Pennsylvania, both east and west of Pittsburgh, to which much credit is given for the system's comparative freedom from spurious or altered tickets, is the plan of having ticket-receivers in about 15 or 20 of the important terminal points on the system. To these receivers the tickets are given by the conductors and, as a rule, are examined within a day or so after collection. The receiver is thoroughly informed as to the tickets, and can pick out a spurious one at a glance.

On most the railroads no such examination of a ticket is made until it reaches the auditing department. It may be over a week before such time. If a spurious or altered ticket is turned in the passenger using it is usually by that time too far out of reach to explain having such a ticket. Under the Pennsylvania's system there is more opportunity to secure such an explanation. There is prompt action taken in all such cases.

Safe paper, of which there are many varieties, is also used generally by the railroads now. Some of the papers have wavy lines printed across the face so that any erasure would also erase the lines. Other papers are treated chemically, so that the use of acid to change the destination would change the color of the paper.

Joint Plan of Community of Interest.

During the visit of W. K. Vanderbilt, W. H. Newman, E. H. Harriman and J. C. Harriman to Pittsburgh Saturday, it is said considerable discussion was given to the plans of the Vanderbilts and Pennsylvania to develop jointly the coal fields in Fayette and Greene counties and in West Virginia. Accompanied by Col. J. M. Schoonmaker the party went to Fayette City, the present terminus of the Lake Erie. The Monongahela Railroad Company, which has been incorporated jointly by the Vanderbilt and Pennsylvania interests, is to take up this development and a joint line will be built soon through the new Klondike of Fayette county. This line will ultimately reach down the Cheat river valley of West Virginia.

RAILROAD NOTES.

President L. F. Loree of the Baltimore & Ohio was in Pittsburgh yesterday on official business.

The auditing department of the Northern Central will be removed from Baltimore to Philadelphia.

The Harriman lines have adopted the American Railway association's code of rules, including the use of green instead of white as the safety signal.

The Burlington will initiate the department store principle in its financial management, every head of a department being given entire liberty and responsibility. The Great Northern now has this system.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Pittsburgh & Connellsville, the name of the Baltimore & Ohio corporation from this city to Cumberland, was held here yesterday. Only routine business was transacted.

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GAZETTE'S WORK IN ALLEGHENY BEARING FRUIT

Speakeasies and Other Disreputable Resorts Have Been Closed.

PROPRIETORS WANT FLYNT

Each Believes That He Has Seen and Recognized the Author of The Gazette's Articles Exposing Existence of Infamous Dens of Vice.

Allegheny city is purer and better than it has been for at least ten years. That is what everybody says over there, and there are a multitude of indications to prove the fact. A summing up of the results produced by the crusade inaugurated by the Pittsburgh Gazette emphasizes the old theory that there is nothing better than light to disperse disease germs. There are still some bad spots left, but they are exceedingly few, and the proprietors are keeping in shady places, while the parasites who make their livings from them are in great fear lest The Gazette will carry its war into districts so far not touched upon.

Notwithstanding the fact that the First and Fourth wards have been given the best cleansing they have ever had, there is still a little gambling going on. As regards the "speakeasies" the police are no longer indifferent concerning them, with the result that they have practically disappeared from the wards named.

As stated in The Gazette last week, the proprietors of speakeasies are finding it good policy to move about. They changed their locations with a view to shutting up the eyes of a certain class of dealers who are minus the requisite "pull" to continue in business. There are some that the police would like to have remain, but they realize that if they give one permission the little "three-case-one-gallon" people may "blow" on them. "They're liable to go over and tell The Gazette," is the saying now. The best place to get a drink on Saturday night or Sunday last was in the Fifth ward.

If it be possible that a crusade against vice can have a funny side, it is to be found in the sensation that Josiah Flynt has created in Allegheny. A well-known citizen said yesterday:

"According to current report there are more than fifty Josiah Flynts in town now. Every policeman and frequenter of the lower Allegheny resorts has one of his own fancy. Let a stranger enter a 'joint,' and if he looks like a tramp, he will be immediately identified as the only and original Josiah Flynt and 'turned down' accordingly. It is wonderful how many forms he has taken. He is a tramp; he is a well-dressed young man; he is fat; he is thin, long and short and of all colors.

"The police all know him—at least they think they do. It would astonish some well-known business men to know that they are being regularly shadowed as the real Josiah Flynt. One fellow was kicked out of a place on suspicion of being the famous investigator."

As regards the decline of the speakeasy it is said that in one neighborhood, comprising two small blocks near Goodrich street, two have given up the ghost recently. One of the speakeasies mentioned was owned and operated by a woman who cleared up a fortune of $50,000 in a few years. On Sundays hundreds of men and boys passed in and out of her place during the day and night, and, although the neighbors complained to the police, the Allegheny department of public safety allowed the woman to continue her business. A week ago she moved out, whether to start another speakeasy somewhere else or to retire on the money she had made by her illegal trade, nobody outside the Allegheny police department bureau knows, but at any rate she is gone and the neighborhood has peace. One of the respectable families that were annoyed by the noisy speakeasy patrons is that of Peter Kelly of Goodrich street. Mrs. Kelly said yesterday that the "speakeasy" is no more.

On Robinson street in the same neighborhood was a gambling house, elegantly fitted up. It was patronized by the elite of the Allegheny sporting fraternity, but the house is now vacant and the elegant furnishings are said to have been removed.

In the same neighborhood, or within a radius of several blocks, are other speakeasies that once did a flourishing business. These places are now closed up.

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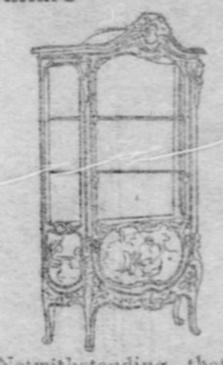

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Contagious Diseases—Six cases of typhoid fever, three of scarlet fever and seven of diphtheria were reported to the bureau of health yesterday.

Glenwood Hotel Fire—The Elks' hotel in Glenwood avenue, near Renova street, conducted by John Murphy, was damaged by fire yesterday to the extent of $4,000.

Will Hold a Service—A special Christmas morning service from 6 to 7 o'clock will be held in Calvary Methodist Episcopal church at the corner of Beech and Allegheny avenues, Allegheny.

Water Pipe Burst—A frozen water pipe in the shoe store of Harry Friedberg in Braddock avenue burst early yesterday morning, and before the accident was discovered about $300 worth of shoes were destroyed.

Christmas Service—Services will be held in the Second Presbyterian church, Penn avenue and Seventh street, Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. S. Edward Young, will speak on the text: "If the Bethlehem Babe Had Been Slain—?"

Tenement House Fire—Fire damaged a large double frame house at Nos. 99 and 101 Steuben street, West End, yesterday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building was occupied by several families. The loss is estimated at $1,500.

No Work for a Week—The National Tube Company's plant and the National rolling mill have closed down for a week to allow the employes a Christmas vacation. The tin plate plant at Demmler will close tonight for a week. The W. Dewees Wod plant will shut down only on Christmas day.

Stove Prices to Go Up—The western Stove Manufacturers' association, which practically governs the trade, has withdrawn its price lists and this is said to mean advances of from 10 to 15 per cent on standard lines after the first of the year and still higher prices on special lines.

Accident on Valley Road—Train No. 7 on the Allegheny Valley railroad was run into yesterday by a rapidly moving freight train. One of the passengers was cut on the head by a broken window. One coach and a Pullman car were damaged. The accident occurred in the yards.

For Children's Home—A fund has been started for the erection of a building for the Children's home, which was recently moved to McKeesport from Johnstown, Pa. The plan is to raise $10,000 and start work next spring. The inmates of the home are now being sheltered in rented apartments.

Millvale Bells Will Ring—All the ministers of Millvale have decided to revive the old custom of ringing the church bells on Christmas morning and at the dawn of tomorrow the bells of the dozen or more churches, Protestant and Catholic alike, will peal in unison the advent of the merry day.

Dwelling House Destroyed—At 6:30 last night an alarm was sent in for a fire at a frame house owned by Coll & Totten and occupied by Mary Heller at No. 308 Meadow street. The fire started from a defective flue, and the house and contents were almost totally destroyed, involving a loss of about $1,000.

Father Hickey Better—The Rev. Father John Hickey, rector of St. Thomas' Roman Catholic church of Braddock, who was taken suddenly ill at the parochial residence in Braddock on Sunday evening, was able to be around yesterday. He has had fits of violent coughing for many years, which at times give great alarm to his friends.

Money for Christmas—Yesterday was pay day in most of the big plants up the Monongahela valley. The regular pay day was not until next Saturday, but the officials decided to let the men have the money for Christmas. The Homestead mills paid out $300,000, the Duquesne plant $200,000 and the Braddock mills $250,000.

Injured by a Roll—David Kustur, aged 31 years, of Climax street, South Side, while at work in the Cunningham glass plant on South Twenty-sixth street yesterday, fell on a roll of glass and one of the fragments pierced his right side. He was taken to the South Side hospital, where it was feared that his right lung had been penetrated.

Killed by an Engine—August Vierling of No. 290 Robinson street, Allegheny, was killed by an engine at the Washington avenue crossing of the Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne railroad, Allegheny, last night at 8 o'clock. He was waiting for a freight train to pass and a westbound train struck him. He was a mechanic and was 25 years old.

Injured by a Train—John Welsh, aged 19 years, was struck by a train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in front of the Firth-Sterling Steel Company's plant yesterday morning and probably fatally injured. He was removed to the McKeesport hospital. He sustained a fracture of the skull. The victim's home is at No. 1411 Jerome street.

Candidate for Office—Col. John W. Patterson of post No. 151, G. A. R., has placed Capt. Samuel M. Dewall in the field as a candidate for president of the Grand Army association of Allegheny county. Capt. Dewall enlisted as a private in Company E, One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania volunteers, and worked himself up to captain. He was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness.

No Murder Committed—Notwithstanding the many reports of murder, the family of John Burk of Braddock, who was found dead on the railroad track at Atlanta, Ind., Saturday night, claim that they have positive proof that he was killed by a train while on his way to work in the glass house at that place. The remains arrived in Braddock yesterday and will be interred in Monongahela cemetery today.

Will Remember the Dead—The 17th annual memorial service of Lieut. James M. Lyale post No. 128, G. A. R., will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The services will be held at the First German Evangelical church, at the corner of Chartiers and Juniata streets, Allegheny. Addresses will be made by the Rev. P. Retkow and Thomas G. Semple. F. Weber will be the organist. Several soloists and a choir will sing.

Two Small Fires—Fire in the attic did $200 worth of damage last night in a building owned by the Fidelity Title and Trust Company and occupied by Jacob Beverly at No. 134 Twenty-sixth street. The origin of the fire is unknown. A lamp explosion caused a fire at the home of Roy Davis, No. 14 Sachem alley, last night. The room in which the explosion occurred was completely gutted, causing a loss of $150.

Preparing for Conference—Leopold Mamboury, president of the Federation Co-Operative Window Glass Company, the selling agency of concerns outside of the American Window Glass Company and the Independent Glass Company, was in Pittsburgh yesterday to complete arrangements for the meeting of all interests to be held at Muncie, Ind., on Saturday. The jobbers will be represented at this meeting, and a new price agreement is expected to be made.

Coke Plant Improvement—Contracts have just been let for part of the $300,000 improvements to the plant of the Hecla Coke Company of Pittsburgh in the Connellsville field. Through William Glyde Wilkins, the Pittsburgh civil engineer, the contract for the sinking of the two shafts for new mining operations has been placed with Patterson & McNeil of Washington, Pa. The Vulcan Machine Company of Wilkesbarre will install two 24x48-inch hoisting engines.

Gift to Fire Laddies—The members of the Braddock fire department received a Christmas gift from Supt. Thomas Morrison of the Edgar Thomson steel works in the form of a complete refurnishing of their rooms in the municipal building. Mr. Morrison presented Lew F. Holtzman, president of the borough council, with a check for $1,100 to purchase carpets and pictures for the rooms. The firemen in return gave a supper and presented Mr. Holtzman with a fine crayon picture of himself.

Given a Diamond Pin—The motormen, conductors and clerks of the Third division of the Consolidated Traction Company met in the Homewood car barn last night and presented a diamond pin to Superintendent A. Benham, who will leave the company to go to Cincinnati. The presentation speech was made by Conductor F. J. Denman, secretary of Division No. 89, Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes. Mr. Benham responded, and speeches were made by officials of the line.

Forced to Stop Work—The puddling department of the Etna tube works was compelled to shut down yesterday owing to a shortage of both coal and iron. The stoppage throws 650 men out of employment until after the holidays. At the Isabella furnaces, Pine creek furnace No. 2 was yesterday blown out for repairs. There are now two furnaces at this plant out of blast and the repairs will not be completed for several weeks, causing forced idleness to a large number of men there also.

Says He Was Swindled—Charged with larceny, Green Davis and Joseph Caspard of Wylie avenue were committed to jail last night by Alderman J. R. Connors in default of $1,000 bail each for a hearing Thursday. Both men are colored. N. Mananno alleges that he went into the barber shop of Davis and asked him to change a $5 bill. Davis passed the note to Caspard and the latter handed him a $1 bill in return. Mananno says that he refused to accept this, and he was ejected from the shop.

Shot Her Husband—Dolly Lewis, colored, of No. 40 Tunnel street, shot and wounded her husband, George Lewis, at Congress street and Wylie avenue, last night at 10:50 o'clock. She fired five times at him and two of the bullets took effect. One struck him in the left arm and the other in the left hip. They were arrested by Lieut. G. B. McClelland and taken to No. 2 police station. Dr. Alex. McCandless dressed Lewis' injuries, which are slight. The cause of the shooting was a family altercation.

Close for One Day Only—The Homestead and Braddock plants of the Carnegie Steel Company will close in every department at 6 o'clock tonight and will resume again in full at 6 o'clock Thursday morning. The rush of orders this year renders it impossible for a shutdown of more than one day. The Braddock plants of the American Steel and Wire Company, the Westinghouse shops at East Pittsburgh and Wilmerding, the Howard axle works and Shiffler bridge works at Homestead will be shut down for one day only.

Mine Will Be Worked—The Grant mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company will resume operations on the first of the New Year, after a shutdown of nearly a year. The mine is located in Carnegie and employs about 300 miners. A new trestle has been built, extending from the Panhandle railroad to the new shaft, which has been opened. The interior of the mine has been equipped with all the latest improvements that go to make up the up-to-date mine. The old workings of the mine have been abandoned and a new shaft will be worked.

Had to Pay the Money—An interesting hearing in admiralty was held yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner William T. Lindsay in the case of Charles Danner, Clarence Williams and Frederick Stevens, firemen, against the steamboat Tornado, for wages. Their claims aggregated $88. The firemen claimed they were hired by the steamboat authorities at $60 per month and the latter claim the men were to be paid only $50 per month while at work in the pools. The commissioners found in favor of the firemen at the rate of $60 per month for the entire time.

Called to New Zealand—The Rev. James J. Grinstead, formerly pastor of the Homestead Christian church, but who has been retired for the past three months, received a call from the Christian church of Auckland, New Zealand. Mr. Grinstead had been pastor of the Homestead church for about three years and resigned some time ago, since which time he has been living in West Homestead. He said he had not decided whether to accept the new charge or not. The Auckland congregation offers all expenses of travel for both himself, family and goods.

Old Employe Retired—John Lawler, assistant superintendent of transportation at the Homestead mills of the Carnegie Steel Company, was yesterday promoted to the superintendency of the department to succeed John Molamphy, who retires after having held the position since the mills became the property of the Carnegies. Mr. Molamphy is the oldest employe in point of service with the Carnegie company, having been in their employment continuously for 25 years. Mr. Lawler, when notified of his promotion, was also informed that he would be given $25,000 in stock.

New Paper Appears—The first issue of a new trade paper to be published in Pittsburgh, "The Teamster," has made its appearance in attractive form. The journal is to be issued monthly in the interests of the men and companies engaged in the trade of teaming, including express, transfer and hauling companies, truckmen, carters and teamsters. The recent formation of the Draymen's Protestive Association of Allegheny County, along with this journal, will do what the trade has been striving to accomplish for years—bring about a unity of interests. The Journal is published by Ernest H. Heinrichs, a well-known and successful Pittsburgh newspaper man.

Charged With Stealing—Martha Strauthers, Emma Goulings and Mary Goulings, colored, of this city were arrested yesterday afternoon in Kaufmann's department store on charge of shoplifting by Detectives Thomas McQuaide and William Elmore and locked up in the Central police station. The three women had been in the store during the entire morning. They were suspected and later detected taking some ribbons. A special call was sent in to the bureau of detectives, and the officers went to the store and placed the women under arrest. When they were searched the detectives found ribbons, jewelry, gloves to the amount of $50 on their persons. They will be arraigned for a hearing this morning.

THE GAZETTE'S CABLE FEATURES

BRIERE WILL DIE BY THE GUILLOTINE

Sentenced for the Murder of Four Young Daughters and His Son.

PITIFUL SCENE IN COURT

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHARTRES, FRANCE, Dec. 23.—After a week's trial, which has attracted the attention of the whole of France, Briere, the farmer of this vicinity who on April 21 murdered four of his daughters, aged respectively, 14, 11, 6 and 4, and his son, 7 years of age, stabbing and beating them to death while they were in bed, was found guilty today and condemned to be decapitated by the guillotine. Briere persisted in declaring himself innocent, but the circumstantial evidence against him was overwhelming.

A pathetic incident of the trial occurred when Briere's surviving little daughter (who the police declare only escaped the fate of the other children by not responding to Briere's invitation to go to see him), went on the witness stand, sobbingly protesting that her father was innocent and begging the court to restore him to her.

Briere, at the time of the murders, asserted that two tramps entered his house during his absence and killed the children. He added that he returned while the murderers were robbing the place, and that they attacked him and after a desperate struggle left him for dead, with four stabs in the head. He further alleged that the tramps escaped with the sum of 1,600 francs and a number of objects of value. Suspicion soon fell on Briere. It was suggested that he murdered his children in a fit of drunken madness, as he spent the evening of the murders in drinking and as no trace of the alleged tramps was found. Besides this, Briere's wounds were only slight, and the knife with which they were inflicted belonged to his house. Finally a blood-stained jacket belonging to Briere was discovered hidden under some straw in the court yard. His arrest followed. Another theory advanced in connection with the murders was that Briere wanted to marry a widow who had rejected him on account of his large family, and he therefore sent for all his children, some of them at that time boarding with neighbors, and committed the murders, after which he invented the story of the two tramps, hoping to thereby shield himself from suspicion.

PONTIFF COMPLAINS OF CHURCH'S MANY ENEMIES.

Confronted by Difficulties Similar to Those Encountered in Earlier Times.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

ROME, Dec. 23.—The pope today received the cardinals, who offered him their Christmas greetings. The pontiff made a lengthy address, in which he condemned what he characterized as the excessive liberty of thought indulged in at the present time. He sharply criticised Socialism, legislation for divorce, and hostility between different sections of the church and urged a union of the Christian churches.

The church, said the pope in the course of his remarks, is now confronted by difficulties similar to those of earlier times. There were attempts everywhere to make the masses enemies of the church, the religious orders were subjected to all kinds of vexatious proscriptions and laws were being passed in open defiance of God's eternal laws.

The pontiff said the only means of successfully combating socialism was for Catholics to hearken to and obey the instructions of the church.

WATCHING VENEZUELA.

Germany Awaiting a Favorable Opportunity to Press Claims Against Debtors.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The foreign office, while it is reticent as to Germany's specific plans with regard to Venezuela, and the time of their execution, gives the impression that something will be done soon. It is watching the uprising in Venezuela under the leadership of Gen. Luciano Mendoza. If anything serious should come of this revolutionary movement Germany will suspend action in the matter until it shall have been seen with which party the de facto government rests.

The Berlin newspapers continue to publish everything available on this subject. The Berliner Tageblatt sums up Germany's position in the Venezuelan matter in the following words:

"This new rebellion is of the utmost consequence to our relations with that country. Our position toward the government of Venezuela would naturally be influenced if everything there goes topsy turvy."

MAY MODIFY DEMANDS.

Russia Asks China to Put Objections to Manchuria Treaty Into Writing.

PEKING, Dec. 23.—Paul Lessar, the Russian minister to China, has requested the Chinese plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Wang Wen Shao, to present their objections to the Manchurian treaty, which was discussed here between M. Lessar and the Chinese representatives last Saturday, in writing for transmission to his government. The ministers of the foreign powers here, who oppose this treaty, consider this request to be a sign that Russia is willing to modify her demands.

The Chinese court arrived yesterday at Tau Chow, within the boundary of Chi Li province, where it was welcomed by numerous officials.

NO SETTLEMENT YET.

Bargain May Be Made With Miss Stone's Captors Inside Ten Days.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—A correspondent here of the Associated Press was informed at the American legation today that no agreement had yet been arrived at with the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive concerning the missionary's release, and that it was unlikely that anything would be settled in this connection for another 10 days.

Advices received here from Sofia are to the effect that M. Tsilka has heard that Mme. Tsilka, his wife, is doing well, but cannot be moved for another week. The same advices say Miss Stone is also well.

LARGE POWER HOUSE.

Yerkes' Plant Will Furnish Current for Trunk Lines.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the District railway this afternoon the chairman, R. W. Perks, announces that the electric power house to be erected by Charles T. Yerkes' syndicate would not only supply the underground railroads, but would also furnish power for the suburban services of several of the trunk lines, with which arrangements were now being made.

Kaiser Will Visit London.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The World announces the probability of a visit from Emperor William to London on January 29. He will remain as the guest of King Edward until January 24. The purpose of his visit is to attend the memorial service for the late Queen Victoria at Frogmore.

Demonstration Against Turkey.

SOFIA, BULGARIA, Dec. 23.—A revolutionary demonstration against Turkey took place here last night. The police experienced difficulty in preventing the rioters from wrecking the residence of the Turkish commissioner.

POPE'S GREAT DESIRE MAY BE GRATIFIED.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

ROME, Dec. 23.—The Vatican is becoming decidedly more hopeful that the United States will yield to the pope's great desire and appoint a diplomatic representative to the Vatican. So anxious is the pope for the success of his project that he would be satisfied at present with a semi-official representative.

It seems that Washington is not unwilling to discuss the matter, and the Vatican has intimated, in return, its desire to meet American wishes in Cuba and the Philippines, and possibly create another cardinal in the United States.

BRITISH ENCOUNTER HEAVY OPPOSITION

Several Sharp Engagements Add to Kitchener's List of Casualties.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lord Kitchener in a dispatch from Johannesburg, dated Saturday, December 21, sends reports of sharp fighting in the Orange River and the Transvaal colonies. The engagements occurred December 19 and December 20 at points widely apart. The casualties, so far as known, aggregate about 150, equally divided; but heavy British losses, the totals of which have not yet been reported, have occurred in the Transvaal. In this last-mentioned fighting two hundred mounted infantry in the neighborhood of Besiderryn, were divided into parties and were searching farms when they were attacked by three hundred Boers and 40 armed natives under Commandant Britz. The Boers charged determinedly in overwhelming numbers. Beyond the fact that the British casualties were severe, no details have been received. Lord Kitchener also reports that during General DeWet's attack on the British force commanded by Generals Dartnell and Campbell at Langberg, December 18, the Boers charged bravely and fought desperately for several hours. DeWet was driven off with the loss of 20 men. There were 12 casualties on the side of the British. On December 20 Botha, with 500 Boers, surprised Colonel Damant's advance guard at Tafel-kop, Orange River colony. The Boers rushed a kopje commanding the main body and the guns, but Damant rallied his men and drove the Boers from the kopje. The British casualties were heavy. Damant was dangerously wounded, two officers and 20 men were killed and three officers and 17 men were wounded.

The Boers left six dead on the field and dispersed. The British pursued the enemy and captured a number of prisoners, including Commandant Kepler. Later, the Boers, under a flag of truce, asked permission to remove the dead. They admitted having buried 27 men.

In the fight at Tafel-kop the Boers, dressed as British yeomen, engaged in a splendid race with the British in the attempt to be first in gaining the crest of the kopje. The Boers gained the summit first and opened a heavy fire on the single troop of Damant's horse, which took part in the race for the kopje. These troopers took advantage of all little cover available, immediately below the Boers, and fought until all but four of them were killed or wounded. By that time reinforcements of Damant's horse came up and charged and captured the kopje.

In the eastern part of the Transvaal colony Col. Mackenzie attacked Commandant Smit's force of Boers at Lake Banagher, December 20, killing six and capturing 16 of them. Commandant Smit escaped.

A force of Boers during the night of December 19 attacked the British post at Eland-Spruit, but they were driven off, leaving eight men killed, including Commandant Kriese. Field Cornet Mahon, who was wounded, and three other wounded men were also left on the field. Other wounded men were carried off in blankets. The British casualties were seven men killed and six officers and 18 men wounded.

HAMILTON, BERMUDA, Dec. 23.—The Boer prisoners of war landed on Hawkins island have been isolated, as several of them are suffering from a mild form of measles.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON.

New Electric Road Projected Which Will Use Pullman Cars.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(Special Cable.)—Faster even than the train service between Philadelphia and Atlantic City, N. J., will be that which it is intended to maintain on the proposed electric railway from London to Brighton, authority to construct which will be applied for at the next session of parliament. The road will be 47 miles long and the trains are to make the distance in 30 minutes.

It is proposed to run a 50-minute service each way from 8 o'clock in the morning until midnight. The trains, on leaving the station, will cross the Thames by an iron bridge and proceed on a trestle to Beddington. There the road enters a tunnel for part of the nine miles to Redhill. The rest of the way is principally in the open to Brighton. The carriages are to be of the Pullman type.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA ILL.

Royal Party Abandons Plans to Spend Christmas Season at Sandringham.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Associated Press hears that the condition of Queen Alexandra is more serious than has been given out and that it causes some anxiety. Doctors are in constant attendance upon her majesty.

A bulletin issued at noon today says the queen is progressing favorably, but that the extensive arrangements made for Christmas festivities at Sandringham, including large shooting parties, have all been upset and that their majesties will spend Christmas at Marlborough house.

It was announced later in the day that the queen was suffering from a chill, but that her condition is not considered to be dangerous. It is expected that her majesty will be able to leave her room in a few days.

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Every Foreign Legation Told of the Present Rupture With Chile.

RUMOR OF ARBITRATION

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

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BUENOS AYRES, ARGENTINA, Dec. 23.—The secretary of foreign affairs has informed all the legations of the suspension of diplomatic relations with Chile.

The situation is now as it was at the beginning, namely: Chile refuses to make a satisfactory explanation about the pathways in Ultima Esperanza, while Argentina rejects the Chilean claims with respect to the disputed territory.

Argentine Minister Portela's instructions from his government, under which he retired from Santiago, were that he should request a new conference with Senor Yanez, secretary of foreign affairs. Senor Portela was told to inform Senor Yanez that while Argentina was inspired by the most amicable sentiments, she could not modify her proposals. Insistence of the Chilean government would imply the failure of the negotiations, and as the presence of Senor Portela in Santiago would then be without an object, he should return to Buenos Ayres under the permission of his government, accorded to him some time ago. Minister Portela conferred with Senor Yanez, and the Chilean persisted in his former declarations.

The patriotic demonstrations were renewed here today.

The Chilean minister here, Senor Concha Subercaseaux, has not received any instructions in regard to the course he is to pursue, now that the Argentine minister has been recalled from Santiago.

An editorial article in the Pais says the interruption in the relations between the two countries must be short, as they are mobilizing their reserves and could not afford to release them from being under arms as long as diplomatic relations are interrupted. Therefore, this state of affairs cannot be prolonged, as otherwise both countries would be uselessly ruined, in which case the arbitration of a friendly nation would be unable to remedy the evil done.

The Argentine fleet, divided into four divisions, will take part in extensive maneuvers next month. The two principal divisions are ready to put to sea at the first signal.

Col. Pablo Riccheri, minister of war, has informed President Roca that he has available 500 locomotives and 4,000 cars, and that on 48 hours' notice he can transport 80,000 men to the frontier.

VALPARAISO, CHILE, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the governments of Argentine and Chile have signed a protocol by which they agree to submit the questions pending between them to the arbitration of Great Britain.

ODD ACCIDENT KILLS SEVEN.

Piled Railway Sleepers in a Tunnel Ignited by Explosion in a Fuse Box.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—An explosion in a fuse box set fire to a train on the electric overhead railway at Dingle station today. Seven of the railway employes were fatally burned and many others seriously injured.

It appears that the burning train entered a tunnel stored with stacks of creosoted railroad sleepers. These were also set on fire and the tunnel became a blazing furnace. The fire brigade had the greatest difficulty in extinguishing the flames. The corpses of the dead men were recovered.

MARCONI THANKS EDISON.

Wireless Telegraph Wizard Sends Christmas Greetings to Fellow Inventor.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 23.—There was no new development today in the situation between Marconi and the Anglo-American Telegraph Company.

Marconi sent the following cablegram to Thomas A. Edison this evening: "Thanks for your very kind letter to the press. I hope soon to show your wireless telegraphy working between the United States and Europe. I wish you a happy Christmas."

Marconi will leave here for Canada tomorrow evening.

REMEMBERED BY CERVERA.

Sends Autograph Photographs of Himself and Family to New Hampshire Clergyman.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 23.—The Very Rev. E. M. O'Callaghan, vicar general of the diocese of New Hampshire, has received a Christmas gift from Admiral Cervera. It is a casket containing autograph portraits of the admiral and members of his family. On the outside is a gold plate suitably inscribed.

After the Spanish war many Spanish sailors were imprisoned on islands in Portsmouth harbor, and Vicar General O'Callaghan, then a priest at Portsmouth, attended them spiritually.

Rathburn Guilty of Manslaughter.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., Dec. 23.—Newell C. Rathbun was tonight found guilty of manslaughter and his punishment fixed at two to 14 years in the penitentiary.

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DEATHS.

BAXTER—On Saturday, December 21, 1901, at 3:10 p. m., MARY, daughter of the late James W. and Mary A. Baxter, at the residence, 828 South avenue, Allegheny.

Funeral services Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BROWN—Suddenly, on Sunday, December 22, 1901, at 10:40 a. m., JOHN PHILLIP BROWN, in the 46th year of his age.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 2624 Perrysville avenue, Allegheny city Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BURNS—On Sunday, December 22, 1901, at 9 p. m., WILLIAM E. BURNS, formerly of Sheraden, Pa., in his 38th year.

Funeral from James J. Flannery & Bros' mortuary, 543 Grant street, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

DAVIS—On Sunday, December 22, 1901, at 7 a. m., DAVIS.

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his brother-in-law, Albert C. Darragh, 1416 North Canal street, Sharpsburg, Pa. Interment private.

DONALDSON—At his residence, No. 92 Blackadore avenue, Thirty-seventh ward, on Monday morning, December 23, 1901, at 3 o'clock, DAVID ANDREW DONALDSON, in his 46th year.

Funeral services Thursday, December 26 at 10 a. m.

BEALY—On Sunday, December 22, 1901, at 8:10 a. m., at the family residence, 1511 Adams street, Allegheny, ELLA G., daughter of Mrs. Mary Healy.

Funeral on Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Solemn requiem high mass at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church, Beaver avenue, Allegheny, at 9 a. m. Interment at Calvary cemetery. Members of Branch 266, L. C. B. A., and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

KINCKERLEY—On Sunday, December 22, 1901, at 11:20 a. m., at the residence of her brother-in-law, Frederick Gearing, EMALINE KINCKERLEY, daughter of the late Jacob and Margaret Kinckerley.

Funeral services at the residence of her brother-in-law, 56 California street, Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, December 24, at 1 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

[Greensburg papers please copy.]

KINNEY—On Saturday, December 21, 1901, at 10 p. m., ANNIE E. COXEN, wife of Maurice Kinney, aged 23 years.

Funeral from the residence of her mother, Mrs. E. Coxen, corner Twenty-fifth and Sidney streets, South Side, on Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Requiem high mass at Holy Cross church at 9 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MORRIS—At the Home for Aged Women, Wilkinsburg, Pa., on Monday, December 23, 1901, at 5 p. m., MARY A. MORRIS, in her 76th year.

Funeral services will be held at the home, corner Swissvale and Rebecca avenue, Wilkinsburg, at 1:30 p. m. today. Interment at Allegheny cemetery.

MOWRY—On Monday, December 23, 1901, at 12:30 a. m., JACOB MOWRY, in his 87th year.

Funeral services at his late residence, Beamville, Jefferson township, on Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Carriages will be sent from Schermelhorn Bros., 1720 Carson street, Pittsburgh, at 7:30 a. m.

NEELY—Suddenly, on Saturday, December 21, 1901, WILLIAM W., son of Mrs. Mary Neely of Franklin township, aged 31 years.

Funeral services will be held at Fairmont church on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Carriages will leave office of J. W. Mariatt & Son, Sewickley, at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday.

PERSHING—Suddenly, on Sunday, December 22, 1901, at 7:45 a. m., ALVIN K. PERSHING, aged 26 years.

Funeral from West End Presbyterian church on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family and members of St. Clair Lodge No. 362, I. O. O. F., K. of Ray Encampment I. O. O. F. 146, and members of Welcome Council No. 134, JR. O. U. A. M. and sister lodges, are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Plainfield, N. J. (Plainfield and New York city papers please copy.)

SCRIBNER—On Monday evening, December 23, 1901, HENRY LEE, son of Henry S. and Mary Lee Scribner, in the 9th year of his age.

Services at parents' residence, Dickson avenue, Pen Avon, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment at Plainfield, N. J. (Plainfield and New York city papers please copy.)

WAGNER—On Monday, December 23, 1901, at 8:15 p. m., LORAIN T., youngest daughter of Charles C. and Miranda Wagner, aged 9 years, 10 months, 11 days.

Funeral services this evening, at 7 o'clock, at the family residence, No. 2137 Perrysville avenue, Allegheny, to which friends of the family are invited. Interment private, Wednesday morning.

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TWELVE PAGES.

Municipal Improvement.

The newly created committee on municipal improvement will not be a merely ornamental body if it devotes itself conscientiously, as we are sure it will, to the comprehensive program submitted for its consideration by Recorder Brown. The twelve propositions embraced in his letter cannot be disposed of offhand. Each is in itself a many-sided problem. The committee, however, is composed of men accustomed to deal with large matters in a broad and liberal spirit that at the same time counts the cost. While the duties assigned may be more than were bargained for they are not the sort to shrink from the responsibility placed upon them. It should be pointed out that the members of the committee are taxpayers and understand fully the burdens imposed no less than the benefits conferred by any public improvement. They may, therefore, be depended upon to carefully weigh the one against the other before recording a decision.

The Gazette is glad to encourage the city administration in the formulation of plans for the public welfare, and will lend its assistance to the committee in the work before it. In most of the suggestions submitted by the recorder there is merit. As to others we will require better arguments than have been yet advanced before giving them qualified or unqualified approval. We doubt whether the first proposition comes properly under the recorder's general heading of "urgent public matters." If the founder of the proposed technological school is satisfied with the site already designated, that would seem to be sufficient. To seek further will work for delay. The real urgency is to make ready the site Mr. Carnegie has approved, that the necessary buildings to be provided by him may be erected as speedily as possible.

We regret to miss from Recorder Brown's program any suggestion for places of public refreshment and recreation in our city parks. They are common features in the parks of other cities and Pittsburgh should not be permitted to lag behind. Facilities such as these will add to the "happiness and the comfort of our people," to use the recorder's language. But we do not understand from his communication to the committee that he limits it to a mere consideration of the municipal enterprises he mentions. In fact, its spirit breathes an invitation to independent survey of the whole field in a search for "matters pertaining to the public welfare and the beautifying and bettering of our city," as well as to "provide the mode and manner of securing these desirable things and paying for the same." The committee may, therefore, very properly take up the matter of establishing in the parks places of recreation and refreshment. We bespeak their earliest consideration for it.

The Gazette believes in municipal improvement and will not be behind any in the advocacy of plans for the public welfare that are within the limits of wise financiering.

The Six Companies.

The dispute between the Chinese residents of this city and the Chinese Six Companies is interesting, and perhaps it is more important than appears on the surface. The reluctance of the Chinamen to submit to the assessment of the companies' for the purpose, possibly a mere pretense, of fighting the re-enactment of the Geary law, promises to develop the methods of the combination, or whatever it may be, in its dealings with its countrymen. Already we are told that its plan of business is in violation of the contract labor laws of the United States, while its dealings with the imported labor is so oppressive that there is open rebellion against it here in Pittsburgh and doubtless elsewhere. Should the exclusion law fall the Six Companies would beyond question flood the country with Chinese labor. The re-enactment of the law will possibly free Chinamen now here from its thraldom, in addition to preventing the importation of others.

Thoughts of Allegheny.

Whether any of the protected habitues of Allegheny City were absent from their accustomed haunts yesterday morning when two men robbed the till of Joseph Lapenski of Homestead cannot be told. It is quite probable that at least two of them were in Homestead, one to hold Mrs. Lapenski, who was alone in the store at 7 a. m., and the other to take the $90 with which they escaped. After all that has been revealed one naturally thinks of Allegheny in connection with such crimes.

If all the avenues of escape to the North Side had been under surveillance during the early hours of yesterday, between midnight and dawn, it is quite probable the person who smashed the window of De Roy's store on Smithfield street and made a collection of valuable souvenirs would have been detected sneaking home. And the robbers of Stewart's jewelry store would also, in all probability, be found in Allegheny, could their identity be established. Allegheny harbors unpleasant people.

Gov. Crane Declines.

The office has sought the man in vain. Secretary Gage is anxious to relinquish the cares of the treasury department, and will do so as soon as the president can find his successor. Mr. Roosevelt's offer of the portfolio to Gov. W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts has met with a declination. The president was not deterred from offering the place to Mr. Crane by the fact that this gentleman has just been re-elected governor of Massachusetts for the third time, or by the other fact that the firm with which he is connected has extensive contracts with the federal government, and that Mr. Crane's acceptance of the treasury portfolio would have necessitated severance of connection with his present business associates. President Roosevelt saw in Gov. Crane a business man thoroughly qualified for the business position that needs to be filled. He saw a man whom the Republicans of Massachusetts had elected three times to be governor of the state, the third term after he had broken the Massachusetts veto record. And he offered him the cabinet place, believing that the United States government should make an effort to get the best.

Gov. Crane declines the honor for business and domestic reasons. He will be inaugurated governor of Massachusetts again early in January and continue to live in Boston, while President Roosevelt will look for another man to succeed Secretary Gage.

Biography of Senator Sherman.

Ex-Congressman Kerr, one of the executors of the will of the late John Sherman, is writing the biography of that eminent statesman. The mass of material at Mr. Kerr's command provides sufficient data, we are told, to fill two volumes of 600 pages each. A biography of such extended treatment is seldom satisfactory. A microscopical review is hardly desirable. Nevertheless, Senator Sherman was exceptional in his longevity, the period his public life covered and the momentous incidents that were crowded into it. He was so thoroughly identified with the domestic and military affairs and foreign relations of the United States throughout the greater part of a half century that if the biography is worthy of the subject its exhaustive length may be forgiven.

Senator Sherman was very careful to preserve his correspondence. Every letter received from prominent persons in this and other countries was kept and properly indexed. This makes the task of compilation easier. It is to be hoped Mr. Kerr will use his material with a discretion that has been lacking in some other recent biographers.

Telling Their Troubles.

It is quite natural for the other American republics to tell their troubles to Uncle Sam. He is the eldest brother in the family, and is fitted in other ways than by right of age to become a guide, philosopher and friend to the younger children, even if he doesn't speak their language without accent. Just now he is busy listening to tales of woe. Representatives of Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Venezuela have been making frequent visits to the state department, some of them with complaints about sister republics that are behaving in an unsisterly manner, and one of them—Venezuela—calling Uncle Sam's attention to Germany's alleged designs.

The United States is willing and anxious to assist in the settlement of all the difficulties that have arisen and that may arise if the countries concerned will remove the chips from their shoulders, cease making faces at each other and listen to good advice. If they will disabuse their minds of the idea that the United States ought to take sides with them, and will agree to submit to impartial decisions, as dictated by the principles of justice, this country will attend to their cases cheerfully and teach them how to live in as much peace and amity as is possible in this world of ambitious men and divergent opinions. Anyhow, they ought to be encouraged to come to Washington to seek peaceful solutions of their difficulties instead of going to the king of England, as Argentina has just done, though we may forgive its appeal to Edward because of the special reason that led to it.

The Study of American Industry.

The committee appointed by M. Millerand, French minister of commerce, to study the organization and operation of trusts in the United States, has arrived in New York and will go on its tour of inspection immediately. While the systematic investigation of trusts or commercial combinations, in their social and economic bearings, is the main object of M. Weiller's and his companions' visit, M. Weiller explains that it is also the intention of his government to create a post-graduate institution in this country for the students of high, technical and engineering schools. "This school," explains M. Weiller, "would be to finance and industry what the French school at Athens is to literary men, or what to fine arts is the school at Rome."

If this is the spirit in which French manufacturers purpose to establish an industrial high school in the United States they will be inviting disappointment for themselves and their proteges. American industries have not been built up by such flimsy methods of education. If foreign countries hope to keep step with us in industrial development they must not only introduce our methods, but have behind them our natural resources. The one they may in a measure imitate; the other it is beyond their power to duplicate. Our systems of manufacture and industrial combination are native and organic. They are not imitative of anything that went before nor have their principles being borrowed from any other race or country. Nor would it be well for other countries to follow us closely. Every country should make the most of its original indigenous genius. There is no other road open to personal or national success.

F. W. McKee, whose name is familiar in connection with projects for municipal reform, writes a letter to The Gazette offering to be one of 100 citizens to contribute $1,000 each and to form "a committee of public safety for the promotion of good government in the city of Pittsburgh, and to act in conjunction with the Citizens' party" in the campaign for city controller and city councilmen. Mr. McKee makes the proviso that unless 100 citizens contribute $1,000 each by January 1 and permit the public use of their names the letters and contributions of such as subscribe shall be returned to them. He insists as strongly on the public use of the names as on the money. Mr. McKee is more practical than most reformers, who, as a class, are devoted to ideals rather than to the working requirements of a political campaign. One hundred thousand dollars or a much smaller sum well and honestly handled would be large insurance of a fair election. We doubt whether 99 others can be found each with $1,000 of practical enthusiasm to join with Mr. McKee. However, he affords the opportunity for others to unite with him in making the campaign memorable and if they do not do so he is not to blame.

The announcement that the superintendent of the bureau of electricity has been suspended is accompanied with the statement that he will be given a hearing before the civil service board on allegations of "misconduct in office." While it may be within the discretion of the appointed recorder to remove an officeholder without preferring charges or granting a trial, the governor ruled otherwise on removals by the present recorder's predecessor. Notwithstanding this ruling, removals by the present recorder to date have been made without the assignment of reasons or the granting of trials "on charges preferred." The granting of a hearing to Supt. Mead establishes a precedent.

Doubtless there is much gratification among the music lovers of this city and vicinity as a result of the selection of Edwin H. Lemare of London to succeed the late Frederic Archer as organist at the Carnegie music hall. Although Mr. Lemare had appeared at but one organ recital at the Carnegie music hall, his playing at that time created a very favorable impression. The trustees had engaged as advisers three prominent organists, who attended the various recitals up to December 17, and these experts, as well as the trustees unanimously chose Mr. Lemare. With this stamp of approval it is a foregone conclusion that the recitals will be kept up to a high standard.

The throngs on the streets and in the stores yesterday furnished evidence, if any were needed, that there will be no lack of Christmas cheer in the homes in this section of Western Pennsylvania. In view of the activity in the past two weeks it is not surprising to learn that the volume of Christmas business this year is the greatest in the history of the city. Not only in bulk, but as well in the value of articles purchased, a new trade record has been established.

A number of people are getting ready to give point and pertinency to the New Year "resolutions" that they will be sure to make the "day after."

A little extra inoculation of Christmas "peace and good will" would not be out of place for our navy department.

The Pan-American congress in the City of Mexico has managed its banquets admirably.

Santa Claus will be a much distributed man during the next twenty-four hours.

Society at the First Night of the Grand Opera

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1901.

Grand opera tonight. The season of the Metropolitan opened with all the pomp and illumination that have become traditional, and the immense building, which has been dark and dusty practically all winter, brightened up with one turn of an electric switch. Society was there. The smart set does not allow itself to miss the opera, even although the weather may sometimes be too bad for church-going. It was fine and not too cold tonight, and many gorgeously-attired women with an old Knickerbocker name, shooting out of her carriage like some rare orchid bursting suddenly into bloom, allowed herself to pause for an instant on the sidewalk, giving the usual crowd of gazers an opportunity to stare in dumb, admiring astonishment. Say what you will, an opera night is a treat for the sans-culottes, as well as for the silken ladies and their guests who occupy the stalls and the grand parterre. A cat may look at a king, and a ragamuffin is not to be chased away from the front of the Metropolitan opera house, so long as his criticism of the toilettes are not too loud and rude. He may say what he likes, within decent limits. It is recognized that his point of view is likely to be resentful, but he must restrain his envy. As for the tiresome peddlers of librettos, that are so often as not imperfect editions, and which meet one as far away as the Forty-second street "L" station on the one hand and Herald square on the other, they were abroad in full force this evening. They did a roaring trade, too. It was not among the box holders that these sharp-voiced and sharp-eyed merchants found customers, but in the discreet Harlemite, or the coy Brooklynite, who was going to the opera solely for the stage entertainment, and would no more tackle a German opera without a libretto than he would leave his seat until every note had been sung and all the curtain calls were over. It takes all kinds to make up a grand opera audience. It was a brilliant opening in every sense of the word, and Maurice Grau remarked at the end of the first act of "Tristan and Isolde" that he never had a New York season begin more auspiciously.

Lillian Russell's Christmas Gift.

It is said that Lillian Russell is to acquire more jewels. It may be her press agent that has set the story afloat, but, anyhow, it has caused more excitement in dressing rooms up and down Broadway tonight than any yarn heard on the Rialto for months. The report is that Tiffany is making a necklace of 24 pearls, the whole to cost $25,000. It is to be given to the golden diva as a Christmas gift by some admirer who is mysteriously spoken of as being "interested in copper." Lillian smiles, as usual, but says nothing.

Shutting Down on Jersey Divorces.

Jersey intends to shut down on foreigners coming into the state for divorces. Vice Chancellor Pitney said this today, sitting in the court of chancery, Jersey City. He declared with some asperity: "I won't have New York people coming to this state to live with the sole object of securing a divorce." Desertion is a cause for divorce in New Jersey, and it has been a custom with persons seeking a legal separation to go over the North river and establish a residence. It only costs 5 cents for a ferry ticket, and therefore is much cheaper than going to Dakota.

Prices Have No Terrors for Shoppers.

In spite of the lugubrious reports of high prices, the Christmas markets are doing a bigger business than for several years. It is declared that the storms along the coast and out at sea have delayed ships bringing fruits and nuts to such an extent that the prices of those dainties could not be kept down. This may be true, but it is a fact that there is no falling off in the amount purchased. It appears as if New York will have a good dinner on Wednesday, let prices go where they will.

Christmas Dinner for the Newsies.

The newsies in Park row and elsewhere are keeping their appetites on edge—if such a process is ever necessary. Frank Tilford will give 700 newsboys a dinner on Christmas day, with music to cheer them esthetically after they have done their worst to the turkey, mince pie, pickles and other ingredients of a menu composed with especial reference to newsboys' palates.

Holiday Rush at the Postoffice.

While every postoffice in the country is busy just now, that of New York has more work on its hands than any other. It is handling 10 or 12 per cent more mail than it had on hand at this season last year, and the employes are all working day and night to keep up with the rush. There has been a large increase in the New York postoffice receipts. The figures for the three weeks ending at midnight on Saturday were $777,068 87, as compared with $688,934 75 for the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of $88,720 12, or 13 per cent.

George Westinghouse, Jr., Returns.

George Westinghouse, Jr., arrived in New York today on the steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm. He has been in Europe for several months, looking after his business interests in Scotland, England and elsewhere. He had a quick trip across the Atlantic, for the Kronprinz broke her best record from Cherbourg to New York by 2 hours and 21 minutes. She did the voyage in 5 days, 15 hours and 45 minutes. This also beats the best record of her sister ship, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, of 5 days 16 hours and 24 minutes. Nearly 30 tons of Christmas mail was brought over by the Kronprinz.

Erie Tunnel a Menace.

It is possible that the long tunnel on the Erie railroad, through which most of the trains to and from Jersey City must pass, will be abolished for passenger service. The smash-up on Saturday morning, which disorganized traffic for nearly 48 hours, has set officials to thinking. The collision was directly due to the tunnel. It has been a bugbear to travelers on the road ever since it was built, and there have been many reports that it would be done away with for passenger trains by making an open cut through the hill. The Erie is regarded as a fairly safe road but the tunnel is a menace. If it should be abolished it would boom property along the Erie road for 100 miles at least.

Odell Opposed to Sunday Saloons.

Gov. Odell was at the opera this evening with Mrs. Odell. He needed a little recreation, for he had been in conference for a large part of the day with Senator Platt. It is said they were talking about certain features of the governor's forthcoming message. While the governor declined to talk to newspaper representatives about his message, it is understood he is opposed to opening saloons for any part of Sunday, and that whatever he may say on the excise question there will be no suggestion that it would be well to allow intoxicating liquors to be sold on the first day of the week.

Tiger's Flurry Before Letting Go.

As we approach the end of the year and the day when Tammany will give up its clutch on the city of New York, there is much agitation to be noted among municipal officials. Police Commissioner Murphy has remitted fines imposed by Devery on various officers. Kolb, commissioner of charities, has discharged a lot of Commissioner Keating's hospital employes and engaged others in their places. Street Commissioner Keating has raised the salary of one of his engineers from $2,100 to $3,000 a year, and James Hamilton McInnes, who was sworn in as an alderman-elect by Mayor Van Wyck, said he would again lead the fight for the Republican minority in the board of aldermen against the $180,000 street cleaning bond issue. Is not all this fun enough for Christmas week?

A Swindling Huckster Loses License.

A good lesson to dishonest hucksters was administered today by the mayor's marshal. A man had sold a bushel of sweet potatoes for 75 cents, and when they were examined they were found to be frozen. The huckster would not take back the potatoes nor refund the 75 cents. He will not sell potatoes or anything else on the streets of New York for awhile. His license was taken from him, and besides he was compelled to give the 75 cents back to his defrauded customer. I do not know that there are any such conscienceless hucksters in Pittsburgh, but if there are, here is a suggestion of an easy way to punish them.

Manager Starr in America Again.

George O. Starr, the lieutenant of James A. Bailey of Barnum & Bailey's circus, arrived here today on the Kronprinz Wilhelm with Mrs. Starr. It is not necessary to remind Pittsburghers whose memory carries them back 16 or 17 years that George O. Starr cut a big swath in Pittsburgh amusements at that period. He was manager of Harris' museum for years, when that institution occupied the building now known as the Avenue theater, and was remarkable for his original and audacious methods of advertising. For a long time the late William Chalet was lecturer in the museum, and he and Starr hit on many an effective way of attracting custom. For the last 12 years or so George O. Starr has been purchasing agent for Barnum and has traveled all over the world, into many out-of-the-way corners, to find strange human savages and wild beasts. It is understood he is here now to arrange for a permanent home in New York for the Barnum & Bailey circus.

The Best Dressed Woman's Costume.

Lady Gordon Lennox has the reputation of being the best-dressed woman in England. This gives her a distinction greater than could be conferred by the fact that her husband is a lord, and naturally everyone recognizing her as she sweeps up and down "Peacock lane" at the Waldorf-Astoria turns to look after her with a swift glance at her attire. The average man that sees her merely tells himself that she is a "stunning" woman and lets it go at that. The feminine eye takes in details, and, because it does, I am able to give this expert description of what she wore this evening. It was a Worth creation in crimson velvet. The skirt, which fitted to perfection and was only slightly en train, was untrimmed, and the severeness of the corsage was relieved only by a narrow pointed vest of Irish point and a shoulder knot of soft fringed silk with long ends. The narrow pointed girdle was also black, and the graceful lines of the long, tight-fitting sleeves were not marred by puffs or frills. No jewels were worn with the costume, almost daring in its absolute simplicity, and yet so thoroughly adapted to the personality of the wearer, who is tall and slender with golden brown hair, large, childish blue eyes and that dazzling pink and white complexion which is supposed to be the birthright of every English woman. Lord and Lady Gordon Lennox are on their way to Denver, where [illegible] for the guests of former Senator Wolcott.

Cheers for Admiral Schley.

When a tall, straight, grizzled man of military bearing stepped from the Washington limited train at the Pennsylvania station in Jersey City this afternoon there was a cheer from all who caught a glimpse of him. Although he looked like a soldier, he was really a sailor, and his name was Winfield Scott Schley. The admiral will spend Christmas with his daughters in New York. That he is popular with the masses was shown in no uncertain way as he strode down the long station. All who could get within reach of him tried to shake hands, and the admiral smilingly allowed it in many instances. He looked very well in spite of the strain to which he has been exposed in the inquiry at Washington, and there was the glint of a fighter in his steady eye which hinted that the "Schley controversy" is not over yet by any means.

Afraid of the New Captain.

The Tenderloin police have a new captain, or, rather, an old one brought back. He is Michael Sheehan, one of the most independent captains that ever was named autocrat of the sporting section of New York, and people who have been trying to conduct illegal callings are wondering "What now?" "I'll show them what now," was Capt. Sheehan's grim response, when the question was put to him.

GEORGE C. JENKS.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

WALDORF-ASTORIA.
F. Winter. Mrs. E. Winter.
W. B. Hutchinson. Mrs. T. B. Hutchinson.
A. R. Fraser. J. M. Hansen.
W. H. Schoen.

MANHATTAN.
Nathaniel Holmes.

ROSSMORE.
H. L. Irwin.

HERALD SQUARE.
M. L. Hock. Mrs. M. L. Hock.

IMPERIAL.
A. E. Hendr. J. P. Coleman.

HOLLAND.
Mrs. F. S. Brockett. F. S. Brockett.

STURTEVANT.
H. D. Hildebrand.

FIFTH AVENUE.
Miss M. A. Reinz.

BROADWAY CENTRAL.
F. W. Holmes.

ASTOR.
George C. Taylor.

PRAISE FOR PROF. HATCHER

Scientists in Foreign Countries Send Encomiums on the Monograph on Diplodocus.

Director Dr. William J. Holland of the Carnegie museum received yesterday from Dr. Henry Woodward, the head of the paleontological department of the British museum in London, a letter thanking him for the presentation of a copy of the monograph on Diplodocus, by Prof. J. B. Hatcher, curator of the museum.

The book, which was compiled by Prof. Hatcher and printed by the museum some months ago, has created a great stir in the scientific world, and letters are being received at the museum daily from all parts of the world asking for copies of the work.

From the Royal museum in Brussels yesterday came a request from the management asking for a plaster cast of the skeleton of Diplodocus, now in the Carnegie museum. An offer was made to give in exchange for the cast articles of value in the Royal museum.

Part of Dr. Woodward's letter to Dr. Holland reads as follows: "I have to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of your grand monograph by Mr. Hatcher, which is most acceptable. I am having it reviewed in the Geological Magazine. The loss to science of Prof. O. C. Marsh's fine monographs is being repaired three times over by the Carnegie museum of Pittsburgh, the Princeton museum of Princeton, N. J., and the American museum of New York."

Senator Sewell Still Improves.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 23.—United States Senator Sewell, who is seriously ill at his home here, passed another comfortable day. His physicians say he has gained some strength during the last 48 hours and there is no apprehension on their part for a serious change in the patient's condition at this time.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Miss Mary A. Morris.

Miss Mary A. Morris aged 70 years, died yesterday afternoon at the Home for Aged Protestant Women in Oakwood avenue, Wilkinsburg. Her death was due to pneumonia, and she was ill only four days. Miss Morris was born in Greensburg, Pa. Her father, Thomas Morris, conducted an extensive contracting business in Pittsburgh during his lifetime and erected a number of the larger brick buildings in the city. Miss Morris is the last of the family. She has been an invalid at the home for 12 years, and, prior to entering it, she lived in the old Morris homestead in Penn avenue, Pittsburgh. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh.

Benjamin F. Gross.

Benjamin F. Gross, who had been employed at the Allegheny City mill for the past seven years, is dead at his home, 123 East Jefferson street, Allegheny. He was 62 years of age and was a native of Frederick city, Md. For 15 years he was steward of the Firemen's Association. He belonged to Union Western Star, chapter 1513, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, was a Sir degree Mason, and a member of Dyrae commandery, No. 78, Knights Templar, having been past colonel commander in that organization. Mr. Gross was for many years a trustee of the Avery Mission church. He leaves a widow and five children.

David Andrew Donaldson.

David Andrew Donaldson, aged 46 years, is dead at his home, No. 92 Blackadore avenue, Thirty-seventh ward. After an illness of four days with pneumonia he died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Donaldson was born in Braddock, February 1, 1856, and for many years was a resident of that borough. About 10 years ago with his family he removed to Pittsburgh and has since been a resident of the East End. He was employed in the Carnegie steel works at Braddock and was a member of the Braddock lodge of Ingot Association. His wife and several children survive.

William Ellery Channing.

CONCORD, MASS., Dec. 23.—William Ellery Channing, the last of the brotherhood, including Thoreau, Hawthorne and Emerson, who made Concord famous, died today. He was born in Boston, November 29, 1818. He was an author of marked originality and power, though less disciplined than his three contemporaries. His published volumes number nine, and he left a volume of verses for which selections will be made for publication later. He married Miss Ellen Fuller, sister of Margaret Fuller, in 1842, and leaves five children.

William E. Burns.

William E. Burns, of the claim department of the Carnegie Steel Company, is dead at his home in Sheraden. His first active work was with the American District Telegraph Company, where he had charge of the messenger department for a long time. He afterward became manager of the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company's messenger service. He was single, and was in his 38th year.

Elias Josephs.

Elias Josephs, prominent in life insurance circles, is dead in New York. Mr. Josephs came to Pittsburgh some years ago, and since then had been connected with various life insurance companies. Rheumatism, from which he had suffered several years, was the cause of his death. His home was at 7312 Kelly street, East End. Mr. Josephs is survived by his widow and two children.

Joseph Davis.

Joseph Davis, aged 17 years, a well-known young man of Woodville, died in the West Penn hospital yesterday morning as the result of injuries received five days ago. At the time of receiving his injuries, Davis was at work in the Pittsburgh Coal Company's mine at Woodville, and was caught in a fall of slate. His remains were removed to Carnegie and prepared for burial.

John N. Barth.

John N. Barth, aged about 51 years, a member of Allegheny council, No. 317, Jr. O. U. A. M., is dead at his home, 522 Madison avenue, Allegheny, after an illness lasting four years. He was a blacksmith by occupation. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, and the interment will be in Voegtly's cemetery, Troy Hill.

Mrs. John M. Shade.

Mrs. Anna Belle Shade, wife of John M. Shade, died at her home, No. 815 East View street, East End, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning of pulmonary trouble, aged 41 years. She had been in ill health for the past two years, and her death yesterday was not unexpected. She was born in Pittsburgh and has been a resident of the city all her life. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Mrs. Lydia Dibert.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lydia Dibert, widow of David Dibert, and one of the wealthiest women of Johnstown, died here this morning, aged 71 years. She was the mother of Scott Dibert, the merchant, manufacturer and capitalist; Contractor W. H. Dibert, Mrs. P. H. Torrens of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. F. J. Torrance of Allegheny.

Stewart G. Alford.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Stewart G. Alford, a veteran of the civil war, died last night at his home here. He was 63 years of age. He served for four years with the famous One Hundredth Roundhead regiment. Mr. Alford was a prominent Republican and held many county offices.

Valentine Hummel.

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 23.—Valentine Hummel, former chairman of the Democratic city committee, died of pneumonia today at his residence in this city.

PERSONALS.

"I have had all the service in the Philippines that I want," said Private Williamson of Fort Wayne, Ind., last night at the Union station as he was passing through to his home after a voyage with the Twenty-third infantry, via the Suez canal. "I passed through fever, malaria and the bolo men and will come as a Christmas gift to my people. I have been nearly all of it during my service, and you can say that when Filipinos take up our arms five months will have been annihilated to the islands. They are ignorant and their conception of liberty is no different from ours that robberies and murders are looked upon as a means of personal vengeance. I served nearly four months on outpost duty. All soldiers whose time has about expired are rastered for the duty. There have been many suicides in the army, which have been covered at the headquarters of the medical department. The native drink is responsible, and the surgeons have found it more fatal than the diseases of the islands. I am glad to get out of the service and would recommend that young men give it a wide berth."

W. H. Bricker, a member of the commission appointed by the governor to select a site and contract for a monument to be erected at Andersonville, Ga., has written to The Gazette a brief account of the commission's travels. All the members but Col. E. L. Ripple, who was detained by the high water in the Susquehanna river, arrived at Richmond, Va., on December 17. On December 18 they went to Charleston, S. C., where Col. Ripple joined them. On the following day the commission went out on a special to Fort Sumter, where Mr. Bricker says, looks quite different now from what it did when he passed it on a gunboat a prisoner of war. The commission saw the old fall in which Mr. Bricker and six other union officers were confined in 1864. On the evening of December 19 the commission left for Andersonville.

Dr. D. E. Richards of Shenango, Pa., stopped at the Seventh Avenue on his way to Cleveland last night. "I am going to Cleveland to attend the meeting of the Ohio State Dental association, of which I will act as literary adjutator. There will be a number of essays on the mission of music in the twentieth century and many prizes will be offered. A prize of $200 has been offered to the person who writes the best essay on the subject, and prizes for the ladies' chorus will receive $200 and $100, respectively. We expect over 3,000 people. Mayor Tom L. Johnson will deliver the address of welcome, and it will be the greatest assemblage ever held in the state of Ohio. T. P. Williams of New Castle will be the conductor. The competition is held under the auspices of the Canarian Society of Cleveland, and the competitors come from Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania."

W. H. Holler, president of the Holland Lock Inspection Guarantee Company of Philadelphia, went east last night. "I came to Pittsburgh on a business venture, and received an order for 400 safes and one of the most expensive armor plate safes in the country. They will go into the new Frick building."

The Pittsburgh branch of the purchasing department of the American Bridge Company held its annual banquet and meeting at the Duquesne last night. The loving cup went around and the evening passed pleasantly.

Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

The following visitors from nearby towns were registered at the leading hotels last night:

Lincoln—W. B. Crawford, Monticello, Pa.; J. S. Penny, E. M. Rodbell, Johnstown, Pa.; P. S. Morris, Williamsport, Pa.; R. N. E. Rees, Lancaster; Brady, Pa.; Walter Tannehill, Irwin, Pa.

Victoria—C. M. Smith, Oil City, Pa.; W. L. Quinn, Fayette City, Pa.

Anderson—D. Hill, Pennsylvania; Pa.; W. H. Fowler, East Liverpool, O.

Seventh Avenue—H. W. Temple, Washington, Pa.; A. B. Hood, Erie, Pa.; Frank Woodmer, Washington, Pa.; W. W. Stevens, Mercersburg; W. H. Pa.; T. B. Lawrence, F. B. Anderson, East Liverpool, O.

Grenell—A. C. Fulmer, Meyersdale, Pa.; J. C. Chism, Washington.

Monongahela—G. B. Jeffries, R. H. Moorehead, Brownsville; B. H. King, Bradford, Pa.

Henry—W. F. Tavenner, Hillsboro, Pa.; T. B. Hudson, Uniontown, Pa.

Newell's—J. J. Turney, Elk Horn, Va.; C. E. Clark, Youngstown, O.; W. H. Fries, Latrobe, Pa.; Maj. Fred Winsor, Warren, Pa.

PITTSBURGHERS HAVE FOUND RICH ORE BEDS

Immense Vein of Precious Metal Ore in Idaho Will Be Developed at Once.

Development by the Thunder Mountain Mining Company, formed almost exclusively of Pittsburghers, in the new gold fields of Idaho has led to prospecting beyond its property by a syndicate in which other Pittsburghers are interested. Ledges of the same ore from 200 to 1,000 feet wide have been followed for five miles.

Capt. L. M. Clark of Pittsburgh, who is general manager of the Morrison Creek Mining Company, which is developing one acres of placer property at the foot of the mountain, returned yesterday from a trip to the fields. He was accompanied by R. W. Purdum, a mining expert of Nanaimo, who is interested in the development near that of the Thunder Mountain company. Mr. Purdum will report to the Pittsburgh syndicate interested. He said yesterday:

"Thousands of people are now going into the field. The Union Pacific railroad is about to extend a branch which now ends at Mackey, Idaho, to Marsh creek and up Marsh creek to Thunder mountain. This work will be started in the spring. Wagon roads are now being built in this district, where two years ago no white man had ventured except the Boswell brothers of Boise, who sold their property to the Pittsburgh syndicate.

"The ore of the Thunder Mountain country runs from $4 a ton to $72 a pound. It is in the porphyry rock, there being no quartz or granite. There are four or five other groups of mines adjoining, holding even richer deposits than the Thunder Mountain.

"The Monroe creek property, in which Capt. Clark and John H. Galey of the Galey interests are the owners, has a placer field which has brought out $100,000 in the past 30 years. This is portable, a remarkable production for such development.

"At my home in Kamps, Idaho, 2,000 feet above the sea level, while we were reading of your zero weather here we were carrying a temperature of 70 in the sun."

Official Contempt of Embezzlement.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Dec. 23.—Judge Lewis, president of the New Castle county levy court, was convicted by the county court today of obtaining $96 from the county under false pretenses by means of a bogus bill for work in the name of E. M. Woodcock, a section hand. A new trial was made.

REVIEW OF THE CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Grand Opera House—Pantomime.

Prince Darling ..... Sarah Truax
Baron Bombo ..... Milton Ballou
Clorinda, the Giddy Sisters.. William Ingersoll
Thisbe, the Giddy Sisters ..... Wilton Taylor
The Queen ..... Anna Barclay
Cinderella ..... Alice Gale
Aldora, Friend of the Prince... Joan Waldron
Dandini, servant to the Prince... Bessie Harris
Robert, the hunter ..... Joseph Eggerth
Dame, mother hunter ..... Walter Ware
Baron Pompolino, father of the sisters...
..... William Terance
Pedro, Cinderella's help ..... Charles Gale
Cat, Cinderella's pet ..... Josepa Wiggaman
Mlle. Paula of the ballet, a little old but still in the ring ..... Walter Ware
Mlle. Gracioso of the ballet, a little old but still in the hunt ..... Willis Martin

The above cast only includes such parts in the big Christmas pantomime that was revealed yesterday at the Grand Opera house, as were assumed by the regular members of the stock company. It does not give even a slight idea of the vastness of the entertainment from the standpoint of mere numbers, just as no written review, however graphic, can give a just idea of the beauty and impressiveness of the great spectacle that Manager Davis and Mr. Huffman have assembled for the Christmas entertainment of the Pittsburgh public. From first to last the pantomime exceeds expectations. The comedy is well sustained, the department of the company in the several roles, grotesque and serious, is admirably timed and calculated to win them new friends, while the spectacular features, the choruses and the music are far beyond what one expects to see and hear in the high-priced travelling organizations of similar character. If here and there evidences of crudeness appear it must be set down thus early in the run to unavoidable difficulty in securing absolute harmony in an ensemble that is so large and the workings of scenic effects that are the result of mechanical and electric ingenuity. Mr. Huffman has "modernized" the fairy story of "Cinderella and the Magic Slipper" with fine skill and in the development of the plot has introduced made-over and up-to-date comfortable burlesque. In the cast William Ingersoll and Milton Taylor play the roles of Clorinda and Thisbe, the cruel sisters of Cinderella, and made the hit of the evening so far as farcical make-up and characterization goes. Mr. Taylor is especially happy in his assumption of the role of a big, plump damsel who endeavors to be coy. His make-up and facial expression are very fine and not a few admirers of the actor in the proper person are convinced that he is considerably more handsome as a "girl" than as a man. Miss Sarah Truax as Prince Darling looked handsome enough to please the most romantic conception of the role and sang one or two charming ballads in a voice remarkable for its sweetness if not its strength. Miss Marian Ballou was ideally beautiful as in the title role and by the aid of blonde tresses looked the beauty our childish imaginations have always conceived the heroine of the story to be. Mr. Abbe put into the part of Pedro, Cinderella's attendant and friend, all the humor possible. Walter Ware sang pleasingly and in the last act together with Willis Martin danced a burlesque ballet that was exceedingly funny and evoked roars of laughter. Miss Gale as the Witch, Mr. Terrance as the Baron and Miss Barclay as the Queen, filled their parts excellently. But it

LATEST NEWS OF SOCIETY AND GOSSIP OF THE HOME

SOCIETY

THE Hotel Schenley was the center of social interest last evening. The opening cotillion of a series of three given under the auspices of well known society women of Shadyside and the East End and a large card party for the debutantes drew to the Schenley many of the young people of the two cities. The dancing season was late in commencing this year, and save for the West Penn Hospital Cot club dance, the cotillion last evening was the first at the Schenley this winter. The interior of the pretty little ballroom was simply decorated. Its walls were retouched during the summer, and in its dress of white, buff and gold, with delicately tinted panelled walls, afforded a happy environment for the cotillion. Palms were grouped about the small stage and behind them the musicians played during the evening. Southern smilax was also gracefully twined about the side lights and green and red were the decorations in the supper room. Three figures were danced for which the leaders were James B. Guthrie, William Gardiner Steel and Walter P. Magee. The patronesses include Mrs. Harry D. W. English, Mrs. Robert Walker Guthrie, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, Jr., Mrs. Ogden M. Edwards, Jr., Mrs. William Henry Scheen, Mrs. Charles J. LeMoyne, Mrs. Frank LeMoyne, Mrs. R. N. Clark, Mrs. Charles L. Woolridge and Mrs. Charles Gibbs Carter. The two remaining dances will be given on January 6 and January 27. This series of dances is similar to the Thursday evening cotillions which were given last year at the Schenley.

Girls and Boys at Home.

The following young people, former pupils of the Pittsburgh Central High school, are home from college to spend the holidays: W. M. Alrich, Alexander Black, Charles Campbell and Carl Fox of Princeton; George Duff, H. S. Lichtcap, Elmer Beckert, Walter Kirk, Benner Gosser, Harry Gosser, Raymond Smith, Leigh Murray, Robert Bennet, W. H. Whitworth and D. Murphy of State college; Paul Bowlby, Harold Beal, John Lee, Robert Elder, Hugh Ferguson and Barclay Charters of Cornell; Charles Arensberg, Joseph Byrod and Sidney Watts of Harvard; William McKelvey of Yale; W. H. Ferguson, Ernest Brooks, Louis Bonnell, Roy Dilts, Neal Harrison, Ira Greaves, William Donaldson and Thomas Williams of Washington and Jefferson; Oliver Haller, John Berg and John Fouse of Lehigh; J. Robley Huston of Amherst; George Barker of the University of Chicago; Frederick Harmony of Marietta college; Jesse Josephs and Pauline Harlow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Albert Kiefer, Max Heurich, Albert Evans and Frederic Crete of the University of Pennsylvania; Louis Gumberman of Susquehanna; D. B. Martin and James Martin of Geneva; Walter Swallow and Fred R. Burke of the University of West Virginia; James McCrory and Miss Mary Wick of Westminster; the Misses Mildred McCloskey, Mae Arrowsmith, Roberta Johns, Marie Barker, Helen Wood, Faith McKinley and Josephine Mahon of Vassar; the Misses Madeline Oliver and Edith Steele of Smith, and Miss Edith Gray of Oberlin.

Miss Gertrude Solomon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaskel Solomon of Beech street, Allegheny, has returned from the National Park seminary, Forest Glen, Md., to spend the holidays.

Miss Edith Solomon, another daughter, has returned from Laselle seminary, Auburndale, Mass., for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Bessie McCook of Rural avenue returned on Friday from school in Washington, D. C.

The Twentieth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Given celebrated the 20th anniversary of their marriage last evening at their home in Rebecca street, East End. A large reception was held and the host and hostess were assisted in receiving their guests by a number of their married friends. Assisting in the diningroom were Miss Dell Nevin, Miss Elizabeth McCague, Miss Martha McCague, Miss Grace Patton, Miss Margaret Given, Miss Alice Frazer. The little 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Given, Miss Irene Given, their only child, Miss Miriam McElhose held trays for the reception of cards at the door.

In the receiving group last evening were the Rev. J. V. Wilkerspoon, D. D., who officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Given, 20 years ago, and the Rev. J. M. Wilkerspoon, D. D., who assisted. The Rev. James Given, father of William A. Given, who also assisted at the wedding was unable to be present at the anniversary celebration.

The house last evening was brilliantly decorated. The halls through different apartments were shaded in red and the holly and scarlet ribbons gave a pleasing and inviting appearance to the interior of the home, in the diningroom the effect was especially attractive. Strands of smilax reached from the chandelier overhead to the edge of the table beneath, the ends being caught with clusters of vivid scarlet carnations. Ruddy shaded candles and bright red ribbons emphasized the festive character of the decorations.

Mrs. Harper's Card Party.

Mrs. John A. Harper gave a card party last evening at the Hotel Schenley which was one of the most enjoyable events of the opening day of Christmas week. The guests of honor were the debutante daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert DuPuy, Miss Eleanor and Miss Amy DuPuy, and the invitations were issued to the members of the debutante circle of young people this season and a number of the school and college girls and men who are at home. The parlor suite of the second floor of the Schenley was reserved for Mrs. Harper's guests and the rooms were beautifully decorated with snowballs and palms. A profusion of southern smilax and asparagus gave a lightness and daintiness to the decorations, while the huge white snowballs hung from chandeliers and over the doorways and appeared in the midst of the green of palms and ferns. Everything was in green and white. The markers for the game, progressive euchre, were tiny silver sleighbells and snowballs and sleighbells were utilized as decorations and novel favors as far as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Beggs' House Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clyde Beggs gave a dance last evening at their home in Bidwell street for the younger school girls and boys. The guests were the friends of their second son, Lawrence D. Beggs, who attends Shadyside academy. The home in Shadyside was decorated for the Christmas season with holly and mistletoe and the general holiday decorations were enhanced by the additional flowers and tropical plants of the season. The younger school girls and boys danced during the evening to the music of the orchestra. Supper was served and by midnight the young guests had departed in their carriages to their homes.

Whist at the Club.

Mrs. Louis Goldsmit of North avenue gave a whist party yesterday afternoon at the Concordia club for her daughter, Miss Rose Goldsmit.

Making a Farewell Visit.

Mrs. W. P. Bache of New York and her daughters, Miss Sara Louise and Miss Emma Kean Bache, who arrived in Pittsburgh last week for a brief visit to Mrs. Bache's brother, George Dingman, at the Schenley, have early in the new year for an extended trip abroad. They will join Mr. Bache in New York and will sail on the Kaiser Wilhelm January 1. The definite plan of travel has been arranged but Mr. and Mrs. Bache and their daughters will take the Mediterranean trip and visit Egypt. Later they will travel through Italy, Germany, France and the northern countries.

Entertaining at Cards.

Mrs. William Schoyer entertained last evening in honor of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willard M. Rice of Germantown, Pa., who are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schoyer in Denniston avenue, East End. The game was domino whist, and though very small and informal the card party was one of the prettiest social events of the day. Mrs. Rice was a recent bride.

Mrs. Harry Smythe and Miss Smythe entertained at cards yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Jeane Tuattle and Miss Frances Morris, guests of Miss Jessie Bailey.

TO WED ON CHRISTMAS.

Sixty-Seven Marriage Licenses Issued Is One Day's Record.

The Christmas rush at the marriage license department commenced at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning and continued until 3 o'clock. Clerk Charles Gehlbach had the appearance of the department store clerk during the latter part of these busy hours and expressed a sigh of relief when the applications ceased to roll in. During the hours mentioned 67 licenses were issued. The applicants, without exception, were well dressed and but few were of foreign birth. They are as follows:

Carl D. Moorhead	Pittsburgh
Edith Waudress	Pittsburgh
Robert Washington	Tronton, O.
Flora B. Fairfax	Pittsburgh
James Hopkins	Pittsburgh
Mary Stewart	Pittsburgh
Robert B. Gardner	New York City
May A. Feather	Aspinwall
James Washington	Pittsburgh
Eleanora I. Shiddak	Pittsburgh
Robert C. Uptegraff	Allegheny
Emily M. Anderson	Avalon
Thomas J. Davis	Pittsburgh
Hattie Abram	Pittsburgh
Francis W. Haben	Fairchin
Mame Stevenson	Glassport
Wilson H. Couch	Braddock
Susan Darrah	Pittsburgh
Edward V. Miller	Pittsburgh
Margaret E. Koch	Pittsburgh
Samuel J. Curry	Pittsburgh
Ida Dunsteter	Allegheny
Ira H. Shoemaker	Zanesville, O.
Augusta M. Rebenstein	Allegheny
Robert S. Sadler	Braddock
Johanna Swinnhuber	Braddock
Irwin L. Rader	Glen Osborn R. D., Pa.
Josie Park	Hayesville
Walter J. Houck	Wilmerding
Myrtle R. Reynolds	Wilmerding
Floyd T. Dulin	Pittsburgh
Ethel L. Putnam	Pittsburgh
David L. Isenberg	McKeesport
Harriet B. Painter	Boston, Pa.
John E. McCreery	Wilkinsburg
Florence M. Glenn	Allegheny
William S. Anderson	Pittsburgh
Adaline V. Todds	Pittsburgh
William Masters	Westmoreland county
Christina Fritz	Westmoreland county
Camero S. Harris	Westmoreland county
Clara J. Woods	Manown, Pa.
Robert Graham	Etna
Elizabeth G. Roseberry	Sharpsburg
Henry O. Walker	Homestead
Rosella Carney	Munhall
Gaetain Dentici	Allegheny
Maria Beetin	Allegheny
Mary D. Williams	Wexford
Anna V. Fogle	Wexford
John McNabb	Esplen
Jane E. Donevan	McKees Rocks
George N. Trich	Homestead
Minnie E. Smith	Homestead
Charles Springer	Coraopolis
Sadie Shafer	Coraopolis
Horace Hinchliffe	Beaver county
Annie E. Landers	Pittsburgh
John P. Thompson	Pittsburgh
Annie Williams	Pittsburgh
John D. Yorge	Hites, Pa.
Clara B. Mormier	Lewis, Pa.
Charles E. Pagan	McKeesport
Mary A. Martin	McKeesport
Charles W. Martin	Boston, Mass.
Ethel G. Hughes	Sharpsburgh
Mitchell Weirgers	Sharpsburg
Georgia Riddle	Sharpsburg
Thomas R. Bryce	McKeesport
Anna R. Miller	Export
Alan B. Merton	Atlanta, Ga.
Ella M. Cole	Pittsburgh
Howard English	Perrysville
Christine L. Yingling	Keown
Charles H. Carroll	McKeesport
Petrialla J. Carney	McKeesport
Jacob Cravchka	Pittsburgh
Alexandria Dabravalska	Pittsburgh
Philip Zang	McKees Rocks
Minnie Fieldson	McKees Rocks
Henry Smith	Pittsburgh
Bergener Strother	Pittsburgh
George C. Hamm	Pittsburgh
Margaret Carthen	Johnstown
William T. Geoyer	Pittsburgh
Mary S. Pugh	Pittsburgh
Richard T. Santmyers	Pittsburgh
Anna Crawford	Pittsburgh
John Bower	Lewistown, Pa.
Katherine H. Krishbaun	Youngstown, O.
George Hanna	McKeesport
Elizabeth J. Phillips	McKeesport
William W. Heath	Port Vue
Lizzie Thompson	Port Vue
Frank Hentz	Allegheny
Ida Hendrix	Allegheny
C. L. Klingensmith	Versailles
Maud A. Black	Christy Park
John R. Martin	Braddock
Gertrude Beale	Pittsburgh
Charles R. Saddler	New Kensington
Sarah A. Richardson	Tarentum
John M. Carney	Homestead
Anna B. Sutton	Pittsburgh
Warren S. Knight	McKeesport
Maude V. Wourtz	Brownsburg
H. Walter Martin	Butler, Md.
Bessie A. Darrah	Allegheny
Walter A. Rosenstsel	Bayne, Pa.
Dorothea E. Schachecht	Beaver county
Charles F. Riley	McKeesport
Mary F. Pierce	McKeesport
John Cherry	Pittsburgh
Minnie L. Windfield	Pittsburgh
Jacob H. Faust	Munhall
Rosella Melrose	Buffalo, N. Y.
Andy Mouhan	Homestead
Annie Verib	Homestead

Every Home Should Have One.

As usual, that old established and popular banking house, the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, Smithfield street, opposite postoffice, is on hand with a very attractive calendar with which to greet the new year. It is executed in the best style of the engraver's and lithographer's art, no less than 12 colors, as well as embossing, being used to bring out its pretty effect. It will find a great favor with all, especially women, not only on account of its beauty, but its utility. Whether you have a savings account or not with this bank, you should call or write for one of these pretty calendars, and ask for their booklet explaining the Banking System and mention this paper when you write. 1202xyz

SURPRISE AND SALAD ROLLS.

These rolls serve as a good variation from sandwiches to serve at a reception or collation. If the rolls are raised with yeast they must be small and delicately baked; if made with baking powder they must be short and tender. For surprise rolls have the sheet of dough not over one-quarter of an inch thick, cut in rounds, put a teaspoon of creamed chicken or chopped meat on one side, moisten edges, fold over and press slightly. Salad rolls are cut round from dough about one-half inch thick; when baked press a smaller round cutter into the center; take off the top for a cover, discard some of the crumb from the interior, fill with chicken or lobster salad and press the little cover on.

Both these rolls must be freshly baked. Sweet cream makes a delicate salad roll. Sour cream if properly handled is also good, but few cooks understand how to counteract its acidity and most of them use too much soda, which gives a coarse grained, bitter flavored roll. When cream is but slightly sour, equal measurements of soda and cream tartar give excellent results. If milk is taken for mixing add two tablespoons of melted butter.

PRISCILLA'S PENCIL

In tracing up some of the innumerable Christmas stories floating about the streets and shops caught the outlines of a very pretty plan the other day. Four little children, who until one sad day last summer had the "nicest grandma that ever was," felt the lack in their Christmas buying this year when they came to think of the home people. Always before, grandma's present had been the one which demanded most consideration, but this year no grandma would be there to receive a gift—only a wreath of holly sent out to the Homewood cemetery could express the love of four devoted little hearts. The eldest of the quartet thought of the plan first, to lift the gloom, and the rest fell in with it so readily that it is the chief part of their Christmas work. They selected the poorest old lady they could find—and it was no easy matter for four protected children to see the heart of poverty laid bare, but they succeeded at last, with the help of Bridget, the cook, and they have prepared for that old lady the nicest kind of a Christmas surprise. A fine dinner—which Bridget will cook—so that it need only be warmed up for eating, a thick shawl which mamma donated when she heard of it, a pair of felt slippers from Billy, a nice quilted hood from Tom, thick red gloves from Jess and a flannel skirt from Mabel. "Not just exactly the thing we would give our own grandma, but mamma says these is best," they explain when displaying their treasures. Papa was so touched by the plan that he contributed a load of coal as his share and a neighbor has sent a new little pocketbook containing $5 to go in with it. One old lady will have a happy, happy Christmas—and all because four affectionate children loved their grandma.

Every Room in the House—

Must have a light on Christmas eve, if you would retain the sweet spirit in your heart and home through the year. Buy a box of candles and set them along the mantels as the darkness comes, and you will be following a time honored custom, besides complying with the regulations of Christmas luck.

A Pretty Box—

Prepared by an artistic girl to dispatch a dozen dainty handkerchiefs, is of white vellum, put on smoothly over an ordinary writing paper box. It has real holly, selected in small sprigs with few leaves and many berries, arranged on the top of the box, glued firmly, and then tied with a scarlet satin ribbon which comes from under the edge of the lid.

A Written Card—

Expressive of a holiday wish is far better to send with a gift to a friend than an ordinary visiting card. An original maid in the East End has adorned every gift with an express tag tied with holly red ribbon, and painted in water colors with a sprig of holly, and the words "to express good wishes."

Hanging the Stocking—

Is a ceremony to be observed with great care lest the weight of Santa's generosity should pull them down after they are full. It is traditional that they must hang on the mantel. An old story says that they will be filled with bad dreams if hung on the bed post, so to the mantel they must go. It is a pretty custom, planned this year by an East End family whose children range in age from a flaxen haired babe of 13 months, to a handsome youngster with a four-month daughter of her own to bring home this Christmas, to tie the stockings with red ribbon to hooks placed on the nursery mantelpiece long ago, one for each child of the family. There are two empty hooks, belonging to two little boys who went to heaven after a single Christmas, and on these each member of the family hangs something, a gift a toy a sum of money, and the result is distributed on Christmas morning among two or three poor children, sought out in the weeks previous.

HOUSEKEEPER'S NOTEBOOK.

There is no work like early work.

A good manager looks ahead.

Clear as you go. Muddle makes more muddle.

Not to wash plates and dishes soon after using makes extra work.

Spare neither soda nor hot water in washing up greasy articles.

Dirty saucepans filled with hot water begin to clean themselves.

To prevent water pipes, located in conduits near the surface, from freezing, cover them with sawdust and a layer of short straw, tanning bark or similar material and lay on top of this pieces of burnt lime varying in size from that of a hickory nut to that of a fist, which in turn cover with a layer of short straw. Then fill the ditch up. The lime will very gradually attract moisture and the evolved heat will suffice to protect the pipes from freezing during the entire winter. If pipes are already frozen they may be thawed out by covering them as above described and then pouring on water.

A safe light for going about with, when there are inflammable materials, or, live to a store room, may be made as follows: Take a long bottle of pale glass and put into it a piece of phosphorous the size of a pea; upon this pour pure olive oil heated to the boiling point, until the bottle is about one-third full and cork tightly. When light is needed take the cork out and allow the air to enter, subsequently recorking. The empty space in the bottle will then become luminous and give quite an effective light. If it becomes dim it can easily be revived by uncorking the bottle for a few seconds. One bottle will last a whole winter. Small bottles may also be prepared in this way and carried in the pocket.

WHAT TO EAT.

Valuable Suggestions for the Kitchen and the Dining Room.

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MENUS.

Wednesday.

BREAKFAST.
Baked Apples.
Cereal. Cream.
Sausage. Creamed Potatoes.
Buckwheat Cakes. Syrup.
Coffee.

LUNCH.
Potato Chowder.
Fried Smelts, Parsley Butter.
Orange and Celery Mayonnaise.
Cheese. Wafers.
Cereal. Coffee.

DINNER.
Clear Soup.
Roast Chicken. Giblet Sauce.
Rice Croquettes. String Beans.
Cranberry Jelly.
Peach Tapioca. Cream.
Coffee.

Thursday.

BREAKFAST.
Cornmeal Mush. Stewed Prunes.
Panned Ham. Cream Gravy.
Sauted Sweet Potatoes.
Muffins. Coffee.

LUNCH.
Welsh Rarebit. Apple Fritters.
Coffee Cake. Cocoa.

DINNER.
Tomato Soup.
Chicken Croquettes. Stewed Celery.
Caramel Sweet Potatoes.
Shrimp and Orange Salad.
Cranberry Tarts. Coffee.

Friday.

BREAKFAST.
Fruit.
Cereal. Cream.
Creamed Eggs. Baked Potatoes.
Griddle Cakes. Honey.
Coffee.

LUNCH.
Fish Balls. Stewed Tomatoes.
Hot Potato Salad.
Milk Biscuits. Cereal Coffee.

DINNER.
Clam Chowder.
Macaroni au Gratin.
Fried Oysters. Celery Sauce.
German Fried Potatoes.

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS.

"The day draws near
The day of sweet remembrances and love;
The day to find us merry and content,
With heart o'erflowing with the good. like that
Of him whose name it bears.
So may it come—
So may it find ye all."

Most people take it for granted that Christmas originated with the birth of Jesus, while as a matter of fact, it existed countless ages before Christianity was ever heard of.

Other holidays have local significance, some rising even to the dignity of national meaning. But Christmas is the day of all days, the anniversary of that great event in the world's history that brought peace on earth, good will to all men, even to those of lowest condition.

There are few people so selfish that they do not expand a little at this season and open their hearts and hands when Christmas time approaches.

Christmas is the open "sesame" to the great heart of the world, and even those who attach only the material significance to the day feel a generous glow that for the nonce at least, teaches them the blessedness of forgetting themselves.

People are happy, not so much in what they get as what they give, and the universal gladness of Christmas is proportioned to the extent of the usefulness that is shown one unto the other. The real, heartfelt gladness that shines in our face seen in the multitude will reflect its light upon every beholder, making him glad in turn until the whole atmosphere is joyous and alight with the pleasure reflected from one face to another.

In the times when the yule-log, or yule-clog, as it was called then, blazed on the fire while the yule candle burned brightly on the hospitable board which was amply replenished with abundance of the cake cut in slices, toasted and soaked in spicy ale. Mince pies were decorated with strips of pastry laid crosswise over the upper surface to represent the rack of the stable in which the Christ-child was born. The evening was usually concluded with some innocent but inspiring game.

It was the custom to reserve a portion of the yule cake for Christmas day; otherwise, says superstition, the coming year would be unlucky. A similar fatality hangs over the plum cake portion of this occasion, unless a portion of it is kept until New Year's day.

The origin of many Christmas customs and superstitions may be deduced from similar practices used by the northern nations of Europe in ages far remote.

The Scandinavian was the most magnificent festival given in honor of the god Thor. It commenced at the winter solstice. It was commemorative of the creation; for being the longest night in the year, they assigned to it the formation of the world from primeval darkness, and called it "Mother-Night." This festival was denominated Yule or Yeol.

When Christianity superseded the rites of pagan worship, the people expressed the greatest reluctance to relinquish this annual rejoicing. The missionaries desiring to insure success to their preaching, applied these festivities to celebrate the nativity of Christ, which hence acquired the name of Yule-tide. Hence our modern Christmas is a mixture of old pagan rites and the more aesthetic religious sentiments of the Christian era.

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THERE ARE SIGNS OF PEACE IN THE LEAGUE

SAYS SPALDING WILL STAND BY THE OLD LEAGUE

President Dreyfuss Says His Statement Has Been Misconstrued.

INTENDS TO OBEY COURT

Will Do Nothing Official Until Legality of Election Is Settled—Ned Hanlon Looks for Peace Before It Comes Time to Play Ball.

President Dreyfuss of the Pittsburgh baseball club, accompanied by his wife, left last night for Louisville, where the pair will spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. Dreyfuss will not return to the city until next week, but he has notified the league authorities of his change of address and will be ready to skip to New York in case his services may be needed.

Mr. Dreyfuss, previous to his departure, had not received the letter which A. G. Spalding is said to have addressed to the club owners. He looked rather anxiously for the aforesaid letter and when it did not arrive the Pirate leader said that Mr. Spalding had evidently forgot to put a special delivery stamp on it or else did not see any necessity for it, because the Pittsburgh club has all of its players under cover, and the president's advice on the player subject, which is embodied in the letter, was not needed here. Mr. Dreyfuss says the writers who state that Spalding has resigned the presidency have simply misconstrued his remarks. The court has restrained him from acting as president, secretary and treasurer of the National league, and what he meant was that he would obey the court's order and take no official action other than he has already done. Mr. Spalding means that he is content to await the action of the court on the question as to the legality of his election.

Hanlon Talks on the Muddle.

When Ned Hanlon breaks into print he generally says something that is worth reading and Pittsburghers are always interested in whatever Sir Edward may have to say. He was interviewed in Baltimore yesterday and gives his opinion of the present muddle as follows:

"I do not think the trouble is as serious as it is considered by the press and public, and I expect to see a settlement of the difficulties before it is time to play ball. There are two factions of four clubs each, but it looks to me as if the trouble did more between Spalding and Freedman than between the factions.

"What I want to know is: If either side wins over one of the opposition clubs can it hold another election and keep Spalding in power, or re-elect Nick Young, or elect some third person president of the league? The question appears to be one of law, and I am not capable of deciding it.

"As for there being no National league baseball next year, don't worry about that. I expect to be playing ball somewhere when the season opens. There is too much money invested in the plants to allow them to lie idle for 12 months, and the league is composed of business men who have sense enough to see that point.

"Another interesting point to me, in a financial way is that about the signing of players. The Brooklyn club alone has signed 22 men, and has advanced money to a great many of these. When you consider that there are eight clubs and each one has paid out more or less advance money you see that is an important matter, representing a direct loss of no mean proportions, beside the indirect loss which will result from a failure to take in the profits which may be reasonably expected next season.

Always Ready for Trade.

"I have more men signed now than can be used next season, but there is nothing like being in time, especially when some of the other clubs have not completed their rosters and may need a likely youngster or two."

This last statement Mr. Hanlon made with a broad smile on his face, as if in pleasant anticipation of future dickerings with short-handed fellow managers who may have to call upon him for help.

Those who remember Mr. Hanlon's wonderful ability to judge young players and the supreme confidence in his ability in the line which obtains all over the baseball world can easily come to the conclusion that the Brooklyn club will lose nothing by its heavy investments in young players.

NEITHER ONE SIGNED.

Kelley and Keeler Are Still Outside the Fold.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Throughout the last week there have been rumors in local baseball circles to the effect that Joseph J. Kelley, captain of the Brooklyn baseball team, would play in Baltimore next season, but on no side could the rumor be verified. All that Kelley will say is that he has not yet signed with anybody and will go wherever he thinks there is the best opportunity. When he is asked outright whether or not he will play in Baltimore he replies that it is not impossible and that is as far as he will go.

Manager McGraw of the Baltimore club refuses to discuss the matter in any way, saying that this is not the season for talking baseball.

Manager Hanlon of the Brooklyn club does not know what Kelley is going to do, but intimates that the player will be found in the National league when the season opens.

Another ex-Baltimore player whose movements are interesting the enthusiasts is Willie Keeler. That great batter and fielder was offered $4,500 to play with Detroit in the American league next year, the offer being made during the recent meeting of the National league, and Keeler was to give a positive answer one way or the other last Saturday a week ago, but he did not. Since then it has been increased to $5,000. Keeler is still free from the bonds of a contract with Detroit, according to dispatches from that city last night, and Manager Hanlon said the player had not yet put his name to a Brooklyn paper.

SIMMS BACK HOME.

Akron Boy Will Get a Chance to Meet His Conqueror.

AKRON, O., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Art Simms, the local lightweight, arrived here this morning from San Francisco, where he had gone in the hope of getting on with some good man. He was willing to make concessions in weight but all the fighters who were approached by the local clubs who attempted to arrange a match, sidestepped. When the Twentieth Century Athletic club of Detroit telegraphed him that a match with Duffy, who defeated him ten weeks ago, had been arranged for January 22, he set out for the east. He will go into training at once. This return match is to be straight Marquis of Queensbury rules and some people believe that Simms will whip Luffy at this style.

Collier Team Will Be Busy.

The Collier A. C. of Sharpsburg will play three games this week. Tuesday, Vogeley Cadets; Thursday, Railroad third team; Friday, Riverview A. C. at Gusky's home. Good games are expected as the Colliers have not lost a game this year. Lineup for Friday:

Riverview A. C.		Collier A. C.
Hunter	F.	Shumire
Mellean	F.	Hirst
Crawford	C.	Smith
Wartenburg	G.	Lumpt
Royal	G.	Fox

Subs—R. A. C., Caplan, Smart; Colliers A. C., Gift, Dunn.

Capt. Caffrey a Present.

Word comes from Philadelphia that Jack Davidson of this city has presented to Capt. William M. Raun of Quarrytown the well-known matinee horse Capt. Caffrey, whose record is 2 10½ to harness, 2 10¾ to wagon. Capt. Caffrey will be remembered as one of the speediest horses at Belmont Island track, and took part in many of the matinee races last season.

Champion Jeffries Wants a Fight at Once. Corbett Says Jeffries Is Afraid of Him.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 23.—Billy Delaney, trainer and manager for Champion James J. Jeffries, who has been filling an engagement in this city, said today that Jeffries will not fill his dates at Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and other cities in which he is booked to show. "We will proceed forthwith from Kansas City to New York," said Delaney, "where I will match Jeffries with someone within 48 hours. If Fitzsimmons is absolutely out of the business I will take on Sharkey or any other man I find available. At all events, I am going to match Jeffries immediately. The fight will be in San Francisco. We do not want any more of the road."

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—James J. Corbett, who is appearing here in a local theatrical attraction this week, said today: "There is no use of talking fight, for the simple reason that Jeffries is the only man whom I aspire to meet, and he has turned me down on several occasions since our meeting at Coney Island. He doesn't want to meet me, and that is all there is about it. I have offered him $20,000 to take me on for the championship and he has refused me. I think that he will whip both Sharkey and Fitzsimmons if they meet. The only fighter who will be able to defeat Jeffries is a heavy weight with science."

LOCAL HUNTERS HAD FINE LUCK

THOSE WHO WENT TO REBEL ISLAND GOT LOTS OF DUCKS.

A Party of Pittsburghers Enjoyed the Sport—Others Had Great Success Out West After Big Game and Sent Back Trophies.

Though the local hunting season has closed there is a hunting ground much frequented by prominent Pittsburghers, from which the last of a large party are just returning. This is at Rebels island, on the eastern coast of Virginia, where local duck hunters have been active ever since the season opened the first of this month. The duck shooting at Rebels island is not good until December 1, and lasts through the middle of January. A few Pittsburghers are still engaged in bagging the geese, Brant, Broadville and Black duck.

Among the party of Pittsburghers who have nearly all returned in time for their Christmas dinner were Thomas Patterson, George Shiras, III.; J. O'H. Denny; T. R. Hostetter, I. W. Pontefract, S. H. Vandergrift, H. Armstrong, Edward O'Neil and George H. Christy.

During the early part of the month the shooting was indifferent owing to the weather being too smooth. Rough water is necessary to drive the birds in shore where the decoys and fixed blinds can help the sportsman at his work. A little more than a week ago the sea roughed and the Pittsburghers who had not returned had some good sport. Between 150 and 200 ducks were bagged in a few days.

There are among Pittsburgh's prominent business men some sportsmen who are numbered with the most arduous in the country in the search of big game. G. E. Painter, ex-Mayor William Kennedy, J. N. Davidson and Dr. C. H. Voigt formed a party which on a recent trip through the west had good success. Jackson's hotel near Yellowstone park was where most of the time was spent, and grouse and duck were bagged in abundance, while five elk furnished the big game. Three of the elks' heads were brought home.

S. H. Vandergrift, J. O'H. Denny and H. S. A. Stewart experienced the prize duck shooting of the season. They were present at the Winona Point Shooting club, on Sandusky bay, O., at the opening of the season. Less than three days of actual shooting were had on account of the bay freezing up, but in that time the 18 shooters present bagged over 500 birds. This club numbers some of the most prominent in the country, among its members being Secretary of State John Hay, who is one of the officers.

CASTLE LED THE LIST.

Chicago Man's Great Record With Harness Horses.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Of the many owners of trotting and pacing horses in various sections of the country who have raced their strings over the circuit the past season none can boast of a more successful season than George Castle, the Chicago theatrical manager, who has campaigned his stable of trotting horses at the most important meetings during the past year. He claims the world's record for the number of races won during the season by one stable, his wins for the summer numbering 82.

Mr. Castle's winnings during the summer amounted to a total of $31,450.50, for the season the two weeks spent at Memphis were without honors. The largest purse won there was $500.

Gold Standard, Castle's trotter, took first honors of the stable, with 11 wins and two seconds out of 13 starts. William Mc came next with 11 firsts, three seconds and one third, out of 15 starts. The other horses in the stable won a number of seconds and thirds, and of the total number of starts by the stable they were unplaced only seven times. There were 118 starts by the stable, with 62 wins, 29 seconds, 12 thirds and eight fourth places. These races were decided between July 4 and November 29.

Of the horses in Mr. Castle's stable that raced during the summer Gold Standard won the greatest amount of money, with $2,412.50 to his credit. He is credited with establishing 11 track records and four state records during the season.

M'GOVERN AND HARRIS.

Terry and His Manager May Decide to Part.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—From the remarks dropped by Sam Harris, manager of Terry McGovern, in the presence of a number of horsemen and sports, it appears there is trouble brewing between McGovern and his manager, and that the two will soon go different ways. Harris does not fancy the way in which McGovern is handling himself, and says that unless he takes better care of himself he will quit him. It is no secret that since his defeat by Young Corbett on Thanksgiving day McGovern has not given his health and condition the best of care. McGovern is fat and his skin has not the healthful glow of a conditioned athlete.

Harris, who has been disconsolate since McGovern was dethroned by Young Corbett, said: "Terry will have to leave fast horses alone or else I will quit him. No athlete can stick to horses and enjoy himself and keep in trim." Harris was emphatic, and impressed his hearers that he meant every word he said.

McGovern is matched to meet Dave Sullivan on January 30, and bids for the fray are to be opened on December 30. According to all accounts, McGovern, by this time, was to have begun work for the mill, but it is understood he has not exercised a bit as yet for the contest. Sullivan is laboring diligently, and is said to be in excellent condition.

South Fork Shooters Won.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Several hundred spectators saw two live bird matches pulled off at South Fork this forenoon, the South Forkers winning both from the visitors. The first match was for $100 a side, between Robert Rosh of South Fork and William Sands of Altoona. It was at 25 birds, 28 yards rise and 50 yards boundary, and won by a score of 22 to 19. The second match was between Justus Volk of South Fork and Thomas Hill of Hollidaysburg, at 15 live birds, 28 yards rise and boundary. Volk won 14 to 13.

Two Hard Games for D. C. & A. C.

The D. C. & A. C. basketball team was together last night for the first time previous to its fourth annual trip to Butler Christmas day. The team leaves the P. & W. Allegheny depot at 8 a. m. tomorrow morning, and will play three of Butler's undefeated team at Grove City in the afternoon, thence returning to Butler Christmas evening for the game there. These two hard games should put the champions in fine trim for their game with Tait Friday evening at Duquesne amphitheatre.

TO PLAY HOCKEY ON CANADA TEAM

MEMBERS OF LOCAL SEVENS WILL PLAY FOR WATERLOO.

The Contest Is One of the Most Important of the Canadian Season—Keystone and P. A. C. Teams Will Meet Tonight.

The Pittsburgh hockey players are among the fastest in the world, and, though engaged in serving the Smoky City public, they are not forgotten in Canada. After the league contest this evening between P. A. C. and Keystone several of the local skaters will leave for the north to engage in one of the greatest contests of the northern season on Christmas night. The game will be played between the Waterloo and Berlin teams and neither is sparing expense in efforts to bag the contest. The game is attracting widespread interest and three of the local men will play for Waterloo.

Sixsmith of the Keystone team will play in the forward line, as will also Campbell of the Bankers. Bish of Keystone will play at cover point. Lifton, who was here with one of the New York sevens last winter, and Rogers, a famous member of last season's champion Ottawa seven, will also play for Waterloo.

The game tonight promises to be one of the hottest of the season, as both teams want the contest. The champion P. A. C. seven, which played in such strong form against the Royal Military academy last Friday night, will make every effort to atone for the defeats sustained in both of the previous games this season with Keystone. The first went to Keystone by a score of 4 to 3 and the last by a score of 5 to 1. The teams will line up as follows:

P. A. C.		Keystone.
Lamb	Goal	Hern
Hamilton	Point	Pool
Curtin	Cover Point	Risch
Raynor	Center	Morrison
Shields	Left Wing	Young
Smith	Right Wing	Westcott
Robinson	Forward	Sixsmith

Referee—Phelan.

FINISHES WERE CLOSE.

Two Outsiders Were Successful at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Close finishes marked the racing at Oakland today, three favorites winning by a narrow margin. Outsiders were successful on two occasions. The mile race resulted in one of the closest finishes of the season. Pat Morrissey led until the last jump, when First Shot got up and beat him by the shortest of noses. Many of the spectators thought Morrissey had won. After his good showing Saturday, Headwater was made favorite in the opening handicap at 7 furlongs. He broke with the field, but bolted and was left. Mercer won easily from Rio Shannon and Janice. Jim Hale upset calculations by leading all the way in the last race.

First race, ¾ mile, selling—Autumn Time, 110, Ransch, 9 to 5, won; Knockings, 110, Hoar, 18 to 1, second; Dwight Way, 115, Boxeman, 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Bass-ac, Jim Roberts, Flos Ferelli, Cheerful Whiskers, Schwarzwald and Rosarie also ran.

Second race, futurity course, selling—Hnachuca, 118, Mounce, 3 to 1, won; Jarreterre d'Or, 118, Bullman, 3 to 1, second; Imfar, 115, Bullman, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:11. Esternell also ran. Evander left at post.

Third race, mile, selling—First Shot, 114, Mounce, 4 to 5, won; Morrissey, 109, Bullman, 4 to 1, second; Dr. Bernays, 114, J. Woods, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:41. Bob Palmer, Plead, McNamara, Grand Sachem and 23 Ponce also ran.

Fourth race, 13-16 mile—Rollick, 104, Buchanan, 2½ to 1, won; Herculean, 100, Bullman, 5 to 1, second; Maresa, 99, Jackson, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:20. Cigarette, Gloriana, David S., Cougar, Marion Lynch and Alpha II. also ran.

Fifth race, ¾ mile, Racine handicap—Mercer, 105, Reiffen, 3 to 1, won; Rio Shannon, 93, L. Jackson, 7 to 1, second; Janice, 103, O'Connor, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:20½. Yarro and Impromptu also ran. Headwater left at post.

Sixth race, mile and 70 yards, selling—Jim Hale, 105, McGinn, 8 to 1, won; Horton, 112, Spencer, 6 to 1, second; Greyfeld, 112, Mounce, 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:44. Fiohn, Goldone and Duckey also ran.

Entries for Tuesday:

First race, futurity course, selling—Captivate, Intrada, Mrs. Brunell, Rasp, Courtier, Compass, Genue Warden, Sissenvine, Modder, Quiz II., Parsifal, 104.

Second race, ¾ mile, selling—Phyllis, Baldo, Jacqueminot, Flo Culver, Winnecook, Quadra, 115, Discovery, 111; Montoya, Arthur Ray, 118.

Third race, futurity course, selling—Florenso, Midnight Chimes, Ben Ledi, Gold Finder, McGeorge, Pompino, 113; Edinburgh, Decapo, Sharp Bird, 116; Skip Me, Katherine, Ennis, 109; Dawson, 97.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs—Kitty Kelly, 113; Hungarian, 100; Orleans, 106; Meraps, 111; Bagdad, Edgardo, 107; Dunblane, Capt. Gaines, 114.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Lou Clevden, Einstein, Gold Baron, Grand Sachem, 105; Wyoming, 111; Decoy, Essence, 109; Col. Ballentine, 103; Alicia, 107; Windward, 108; Cromwell, 110.

Sixth race, futurity course, selling—Malakwa, 116; Alzura, 119; Tizona, Dr. Boyle, Saul of Tarsus, Matt Hogan, Novia, Afghan, Dangerous Maid, Almoner, Chapple, Clarendo, 113.

HICKEY IS CONFIDENT.

He Says His Association Is a Sure Success.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 23.—President Thomas J. Hickey of the American Baseball association returned to this city today from an extended visit to eastern points.

"I was never more confident of the success of the American association than I am at the present moment," said he tonight. "This talk of leasing of ground in Milwaukee by President Whitfield of the Western league is bosh. I have friends who made inquiries and they contradict the statements of President Whitfield. We will win out, and break our enemies in the baseball business."

KILLED BY ACID.

Mrs. Jennie Wray Ended Her Life Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. Jennie Wray died from the effects of carbolic acid poison at the house of Frank McKelvey at 92 Dinwiddie street at at No. 1408 Colwell street and went to see her aunt, Mrs. Catherine Clark, yesterday morning. Upon her arrival there she went up stairs and was gone about one hour when her aunt went to look for her. She discovered her lying on the bed in an unconscious condition.

Dr. Frank I. Phillips was sent for and attempted to revive her, but without success. She died a few minutes after his arrival. Deputy Coroner William J. Glenn investigated the case.

Mrs. Clark was unable to tell whether she took the poison by design. Her brother, A. C. Briceland, with whom she lived, said that she had complained of a pain she had in her side caused by a fall down stairs, three weeks ago. She was 37 years old and has been divorced from her husband.

NEW ORLEANS STEWARDS ARE VERY STRICT

Trainer of The Rush Suspended Because of Horses' Queer Actions.

WAS HELD FOR A KILLING

It Came Off Yesterday When the Odds Were Long and the Horse Easily Walked Off With the Race. Jockey Otis Suspended.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Cadet, W. B. Gates and Donator were the winning favorites today. The Rush won the fifth race at the liberal odds of 6 to 1, and the stewards promptly suspended E. Trotter, the horse's trainer, pending an investigation. The horse has started four times previously at this meeting, and his performances on those occasions were such that the stewards felt that an inquiry was demanded. The stewards have suspended Jockey Otis for the remainder of the meeting for his ride on Boomerang on Saturday. Weather clear and warm; track fast. Summary:

First race, six furlongs, selling—Hutch Miller, 112, Miles, 15 to 1, won; John C. Ford, 102, Cochran, 9 to 2, second; Socapa, 102, J. Muller, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Powell, Ortrud, Sigma, Nu, W. H. Dixon, Queen Fida, Lola Home, Mr. Rose, Money Back and Volantine also ran.

Second race, five furlongs—Cadet, 104, Coburn, 6 to 5, won; Crescent City, 102, J. Muller, 4 to 1, second; Postillion, 106, Dominick, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:02. Meme Wastell, Oskling, Uletma, Wild Bess, Ada S. G., Mazzara and Miss Anna Stevens also ran.

Third race, steeplechase handicap, short course—Dagmar, 130, Hartley, 3 to 1, won; Fullelia, 130, Butler, 40 to 1, second; Golden Link, 144, J. Weber, 18 to 5, third. Time, 3:11. Corillo, Harve B, Eva Moe and Logistic also ran.

Fourth race, selling, mile and one-eighth—W. B. Gates, 106, Coburn, 6 to 5, won; Major Mansir, 104, J. Muller, 3 to 1, second; Balloon, 95, J. Rice, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:54½. Swordsman, Eda Riley, Eugenia S, Wunderlich and Frank McConnell also ran.

Fifth race, six furlongs, selling—The Rush, 116, Dale, 6 to 1, won; Weidemann, 107, Lyne, 12 to 1, second; Ida Pengance, 102, Phillips, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:15¾. Clara David, W. J. Esker, Sim W, Jerry Hunt, Sad Sam, Queen Esther, Poyntz and Gold Lack also ran.

Sixth race, mile and one-eight, selling—Donator, 104, Coburn, 2 to 1, won; Jim Treadwell, 107, Lyne, 20 to 1, second; Megas, 105, Michaels, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:54. Janwood, Joe Collins, Barbee, Laura's First, Mattie Bazar, Robert Bonner, Joe Gammage and Jacksnapes also ran.

Entries for Tuesday:

First race, 7 furlongs—Siphon, 90; Pyrrho, 96; Masterful, Red Signal, Fickle Saint, 100; Annie Thompson, Aaron, 108; Second race, mile, selling—Ladylike, The Widow, 88, Ben Hullum, 93; Hayward, Hunter, 95; The Wag, 98; Broadler, Santa Teresa, 97; King Tatius, 99; Goldaga, 100; Lingo, Ernest Parham, 102; Leenja, 105.

Third race, 2 miles—Waldeck, 109; Little Elkin, Deloraine, 101; Warranted, 104.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs, handicap—Chelan, 90; John Grigsby, 96; Little Jack Horner, 97; Master Mariner, If You Dare, 98; Semicolon, Maggie Davis, 102; St. Cuthbert, 110; Savoy, 116.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Saragamp, 94; Free Admission, 96; Farmer Bennett, 96; Lady Dudley, 95; Donna Sea, 97; Urak, 98; Azun, Maple, 100; Joe Doughty, 103; Jena, 105; Death, Trebor, 107.

Sixth race, mile—Lillian Reed, Robert Bonner, Sallie J., Tatar, Lady Ezell, 96; Moroni, Dr. S. C. Ayres, Jim W., Cadet, 99; Sir Florian, 105; Dandy H., Lou Rey, 108.

NEW LAUNCH FOR YALE.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Will Help Pay the Expense.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The committee of Yale graduates of which Cornelius Vanderbilt is a member has ordered a boat builder in Boston to lay the keel of a 50-foot launch for the Yale crew coachers. The launch is to have a speed of 15 knots an hour and will be built in the most approved fashion. About $1,000 has been raised and reports are heard that Mr. Vanderbilt has not only made a liberal contribution, but will increase his gift if necessary.

Manchesters' Clever Victory.

An enthusiastic crowd watched the Manchester team down East Liberty last night. The game was a hard-fought one, but Manchester's swift team work proved too much for the East End boys to break up. Lineup:

Manchester—51.		East Liberty—27.
Skillinger	R. F.	Ralston
Koch	L. F.	Seibel
Walliser	C.	Lewis
Graham	R. G.	Orr
Burry	L. G.	Brennan-Bauer

Goals from field—Koch 11, Skillinger 4, Walliser 3, Burry 4, Graham 1, Lewis 5, Ralston 1, Seibel 1, Brennan 3, Orr 1. Goals from foul—Graham 3, Seibel 3. Referee—Sauer. Timer—Gray. Scorer—Roth.

ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING.

Conference Between Glass Manufacturers and Jobbers Brings Out Nothing New.

A conference yesterday between the associations of manufacturers in lime and flint glass with the jobbers developed nothing further in price concessions or an increase in the rebates to jobbers as expected. The question of the manufacturers and jobbers exchanging lists of their patrons, so as to clearly draw the line between the jobbing and other trades was referred to the executive committees of the Glass association and the Standard Glass association.

The Standard association represents the National Glass Company, which is still co-operating with the other manufacturers. The jobbers were represented by the secretary of their association, Charles Dennis, and W. J. Ford of Chicago at the conference held in the Park building headquarters of the Glass association yesterday.

NEWS OF THE RIVERS

THE THREE RIVERS.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—River 25.6 feet and falling fast. Cloudy and growing colder. Light rain throughout the day. The last of the coal fleet passed here today, when the Josh Cook and Cruiser went by. The captain of the Cook reports having passed the last ice at Vanceburg. The S. P. Shedd will go off the Mound City ways tomorrow. The D. T. Lane is still doing harbor work here. Capt. James Mace is laid up with a broken leg. The Queen City will lay here until Saturday night.

LOUISVILLE—River falling; canal, 10.6 feet; falls, 8.4 feet; foot of locks, 20.4 feet. Business good. Cloudy and threatening rain; moderating. The Kingsport and John A. Wood went south today with tows of coal. The Alice Brown and Joe Williams, last of the fleet, go tomorrow. The Josh Cook, Coal City, Alice Brown and John Morton arrived with tows from Pittsburgh and go back, except the Brown. The Peerless float club house broke loose and went down the river. Capt. Samuel Brown left for Pittsburgh. Al Faulkner and Arthur Lynn went as pilots on the John A. Wood. Billy Smith and Charlie Noble go on the Raymond Horner, and Bob Holden and J. W. Martin on the Joe B. Williams.

EVANSVILLE—River 28 feet and falling. Clear. The J. B. Finley and new down this morning. Brown Roberts and new down this morning. Sunshine down this evening.

MARIETTA—River 9 feet and falling. Light rain all day. Ice in the river getting softer. Keystone State for Pittsburgh, 8 p. m.; Frank Gilmore up light, 7 a. m.

WHEELING—River 6 feet and falling. Ice thinning out rapidly. Light rains.

WARREN—River 2 feet 8 inches. Cloudy and mild.

GREENSBORO—River 7.5 feet and stationary. Cloudy. Warmer and raining.

BROWNSVILLE—River 6 feet and stationary. Raining.

STEUBENVILLE—River 7 feet 9 inches and falling. Raining and cold.

OIL CITY—River 4 feet 8 inches and falling. Cool and light rain.

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet 6 inches and closed. Rainy.

GALLIPOLIS—River 12 feet 8 inches and falling. Cloudy and mild.

POINT PLEASANT—River 11 feet and falling. Light rain today. Down, Virginia. Up, Florence Stannet and James Moren.

HUNTINGTON—River 10 feet and falling slowly. Light rain all day. Guyan river rising rapidly. Virginia for Pittsburgh, 9 p. m. and Lizzie Bay for Pomeroy at 7 p. m. Locals on time.

PARKERSBURG—River 10 feet and rising. Ice thinning out. Raining. The Ben Hur arrived from above, and the Keystone State, which tied up Sunday on account of the ice, left for Pittsburgh at 6 p. m.

CAPT. SIBERT TOOK CHARGE.

Maj. Powell Transfers River Improvements to His Successor.

Capt. W. L. Sibert yesterday took charge of the river improvements of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, relieving Maj. Charles F. Powell, who has been transferred to New London, Conn. Capt. Sibert gave Maj. Powell a receipt for the property of the government in his charge and this constituted about the only formality.

Capt. Sibert said that he did not know when he would be able to make a trip over the different works. He, however, hopes to do so soon, so as to familiarize himself with the conditions. Maj. Powell leaves Pittsburgh on the first of the new year. He is very popular among the rivermen, and during the past week many of them, including numerous friends, called at the government building to bid him farewell.

Capt. William Campbell died at Cincinnati early Sunday morning.

The towboat H. M. Shouse arrived at Louisville yesterday with her tow of coal.

The towboat Oakland is expected to arrive at Cairo today on her way to New Orleans.

Capt. Bentley Clark, who was one of the pilots to Louisville on the Joseph B. Williams, returned home by rail yesterday.

The American Steel and Wire Company towboats Braddock and Juniata, according to reports will tow manufactured products south for that company in the near future.

The J. B. Finley, Raymond Horner, Charles Brown and John A. Wood have left Louisville for New Orleans with tows of coal. The Joseph B. Williams is still there repairing machinery.

The channel of the Allegheny river is almost closed at the Ft. Wayne railroad bridge, and steamers are now laboring about the congestion there. Much drift accumulated there during the recent flood.

It is rumored that some changes will be made in the transportation department of the river coal combination, after the annual meeting of the company, which takes place the second week in January.

The largest end of wire rails which broke loose from the tow of the Williams when she hit the bank at Carrollton, sinking four coal-boats, was caught and landed at Madison, Ind., by the steamer Seattle Bird.

The towboat W. M. Flint passed Ashland, O., yesterday, bringing a large empty tow for Flint & Co. The Flint has four loaded motor barges. She is carrying a test of power that is most pleasing to her owners.

Charles Bunton, a son of Capt. I. N. Bunton, formerly identified with the coal trade, has gone to New Castle to accept a position tendered him by the Union Fuel Company, which is receiving for a wire mill in that town.

The failure of the Ohio river packets to reach port was a great disappointment, but the boats were unable to battle against the ice. Poultry in Marietta rose as it was said the boats could not get through. Had the steamers been able to bring the usual holiday supply.

The Harry Brown, en route up the river, ran the head of her fleet into the ice barges belonging to Capt. J. J. Gordown, at the Davis Island dam. Several barges floated away and sank and the ends of two others were crushed.

It is said that the Harvester will be as good as ever that her power at Pittsburgh is put, and soon as contemplated changes are made by her owners, the Dahl Coal Company. The boat has engines having 20-inch cylinders and an 8½-foot stroke.

The steamer Keystone State left Parkersburg yesterday afternoon for Pittsburgh. She has a large cargo of whisky. The boat may be able to return to Cincinnati tomorrow. The Kanawha is laid up at Middleport, the Ben Hur is at Sisterville and the Queen City is laid up at Cincinnati. The Virginia is due at the latter port this morning.

The pool boats yesterday backed out of the pools of the Monongahela river. The ice was too heavy to permit them to shove their tows of coal. The indications point to a break up in the rivers within the next 48 hours. It will not take much of a rainfall to cause the ice to move out. Light rains fell yesterday at up river points.

WEALTHY CITIZENS ARE ASKED TO ASSIST.

F. W. McKee Sends Out a Letter Outlining a Reform Scheme to Fight City Ring.

A popular movement has been started looking to the formation of a committee consisting of representative citizens and taxpayers to protect the people from the machine methods and abuses practiced by the present city ring.

F. W. McKee, a well-known municipal reformers, is the author of the project, and he yesterday sent out to a number of public-spirited citizens, who are possessed of sufficient means to materially aid the movement, a letter explaining the matter at length. He said in part:

The enthusiastic public meeting in Old City hall last Friday night opens the way for a fresh effort in the cause of municipal reform under very auspicious circumstances. The question which now presents itself is whether such a movement can count on the substantial support of our community, particularly the business element. If so, it will be well to push forward the campaign with all the strength and enthusiasm which can be mustered; if, not, then it would seem to be the part of wisdom to pause before being overtaken by inevitable defeat.

In order to bring this matter squarely before the business men of Pittsburgh, and to show that upon their shoulders must rest the responsibility for a continuance of the subserviency of our city, I have decided to make the following public proposition:

I hereby propose and agree to become one of 100 citizens to form a committee of public safety for the promotion of good government in the city of Pittsburgh, and to act in conjunction with the Citizens party now about to be formed, in the campaigns to be waged for city controller and city councils this year, and further agree to a continuance of such organization is to give public use of his name for said committee, and addition thereto to agree to contribute the sum of $1,000 in cash for the said purpose, on or before the 30th day of February, 1902, the full subscription of 100 names with the subscription of $1,000 each to be made on or before January 10, 1902. A failure to reach the quota of 100 names and subscriptions by that date will render this proposition null and void.

To show that I am thoroughly in earnest in this matter, I hereby agree, at the request of any proposed subscriber to the committee and fund, to deposit the sum of $1,000 in cash with any responsible bank or banker in Pittsburgh, subject to the call of this committee when formed.

Names and subscription pledges are to be sent to me to the address given below, and to be preserved by me inviolate until the 10th day of January, when, if the whole 100 subscriptions have been made, the list to be made public and the committee called together for organization. If, on the other hand, the full quota of 100 names and subscriptions is not received by that time, the letters and subscription papers received are to be returned to the parties sending them.

GOING AFTER A CUP.

Lakewood Polo Team Will Attend the Coronation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—It has finally been decided that the United States will be represented in England in June at the series of sports in connection with the coronation ceremonies by a polo team. After mature deliberation the invitation of the Burlingham club to the Polo association was acted upon and an acceptance will be sent this week by H. L. Herbert, chairman of the Polo association. The American team will probably be made up principally of members of the Lakewood team, which won the championship last season, and which includes the strongest and highest handicapped players in the states. Foxhall Keene, who will captain the American forces, it is said, will be accompanied by Messrs. Lawrence and V. M. Waterbury, Jr., John E. Cowdin and R. L. Agassiz.

In addition to taking part in the coronation tournament the American team will play in Ranelagh, and attempt to regain possession of the challenge cup which was won at Newport 20 years ago and carried to England by Sir John Watson's team.

Bennett Knocked Purdy Out.

CORRY, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Garry Bennett of this city knocked out Billy Purdy of Erie in the 14th round of a 15-round go in the armory here tonight. Bennett is a coming lightweight, and has never been defeated. Geo. Siddons was referee.

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NO SNOW PROMISED.

Indications in Favor of an Old-Fashioned Christmas With Sleighing Are Few.

Neither the forecast by the weather bureau nor the precedent established by the weather conditions during the past 20 years are favorable for the kind of Christmas weather which all hope for. Snow or rain for Tuesday and probably Wednesday is the forecast of the weather department, but the present conditions are not such as to lend hope for a "white Christmas." The heavy snowfall of the past week has been dissipated by the warm weather and rains of the past few days and in the local districts almost all of the snow has disappeared.

Only three times during the past 20 years do the records in the local weather office record sleighing. Although snow was noticeable on a majority of the Christmases during that time, it was of little consequence and could not be cited as resembling an old-fashioned Christmas. The records of the past five years are as follows:

1896—Clear, seasonable cold weather; snow flurries in the morning; two and a half inches of snow. Good sleighing. Maximum 36, minimum 14, mean 26.

1897—Clear, rising temperature; frost 28 degrees in seven hours; three inches snow on ground at 8 p. m. Maximum 42, minimum 15, mean 28.

1898—Generally fair. No snow. Maximum 34, minimum 20, mean 30.

1899—Clear. Light snow in the afternoon. Day cold and blustering throughout. Maximum 22, minimum 14, mean 18.

1900—Snow flurries during the night and day, becoming very heavy, causing dark conditions between 10 and 11 a. m.

The bulletin issued by the weather department at Washington for Tuesday reads: Probably generally fair. Wednesday, light to fresh west and southwest winds.

At 8 o'clock last night, at Duluth, Minn., the coldest place in the United States, the thermometer registered 22 degrees above zero. Denver, Col., with 64 degrees, was the warmest. It was raining at Columbus, Parkersburg and Cincinnati. Snow was recorded at Duluth.

The inclement weather of yesterday put a damper on the enthusiasm of the Christmas shoppers, and consequently upper Monday and the crowd on the streets was noticeably diminished as a consequence, none caring to wade through the slush in order to secure presents which could be bought a day later when the weather might be more favorable.

Was Not Free Long.

Ed Brogan was committed to jail yesterday in default of bail by Alderman J. C. Verheller on a charge of desertion and non-support brought by his wife, Rose. The arrest was made immediately after Brogan was released from the workhouse.

Getting down to business.

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Flats.

FOR RENT—Centrally located in a desirable part of the East End, a five-story building with apartments of one and two rooms, and bath. Barber shop, billiard, dining and reception rooms, steam heat and electric light plants; building finished throughout in marble and hardwood. For full particulars see S. H. LLOYD, 6016 Penn ave., E. E., Pittsburgh. 1214hb

Rooms.

ARCH ST., 1204, Allegheny—Large front room for light housekeeping; conveniences. 1224je

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms; conveniences. 204 North ave. West, Allegheny. 1224je

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FOR RENT.
Nice, large storeroom, 19x40; good cellar and 5 dwelling rooms; bath, gases, good location, on front street in district where 300 new houses are being built.
SAMUEL W. BLACK & CO.,
818 Fourth ave.
Branch office, 4862 Second ave., Hazelwood, opposite Flowers ave. 1214h

Farms.

FOR RENT—12-acre garden farm, near City View school; rent $22 50. Voegtly, Robinson road, Allegheny. 1222pvxlc

FOR SALE.

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EASY PAYMENT HOMES.
$10 Per Month.
$6,750—How is this? Lovely East End home; you will never again have an offer like this; make your choice of these cozy homes and pay $10 per month without interest or tax. Will you take possession April 1; a limited number of my lovely little homes of 6 large rooms and finished attic, with all modern conveniences, on lot 56x10- feet, worth every cent of $4,000, will be sold (during the next 30 days only) at $3,750 on above remarkable terms in order to give a chance to good people who, on the spur of the moment, are unable to lay their hands on the ready money, and who have to pay rent until April 1, after which $21.80 per month pays principal and interest; or if $750 cash is paid, then balance $18.50 per month, or if $1,250 is paid balance $12.50 per month; privilege to pay more; any reasonable terms given; very best neighborhood, on quick electric cars, in best East End ward; note specially, this offer made absolutely only to the very best of people who can give finest of references; the above $2,750 home is finished in every detail, including finished attic; it has big 7-foot porch, rear porch, vestibule, hall with hardwood stairway, both gases, hot air flues, sliding doors, big pantry with sink and 2 cupboards, hardwood and tile mantels, brass gas burners, china closet, bay window; nice, roomy kitchen, with clothes press and back stairway; three large, rooms second floor, besides hall and bathroom, with bath, h. and c. water; stationary w. s., inside w. c.; there are 11 clothes presses in this house; every room will be light and airy (gives at lower prices). These houses are built of very best material and workmanship, and closest scrutiny cheerfully invited. Persons knowing they might like objection to show at once. Great opening for physician and druggist. Send address to owner, with whom alone you deal, who will give you full details, and direct you to property. No agents. Address,
OWNER, P. O. Box 332, City. 128pvo

INVESTMENTS—
Block of 4 brick dwellings, Second ward, Allegheny. 117-4
Block of 6 brick dwellings, Sixth ward, Allegheny. 117-6
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Block of 4 dwellings, Market st. and Laurel alley, Sixth ward, Allegheny. 103-4
Block of 5 brick dwellings, Elm st., Pittsburgh. Pa. 106-6
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A. D. WILSON,
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$309 CASH PAYMENT and the balance same as rent will secure a neat frame house of 5 large rooms, finished attic, good stone cellar, with water and gas, shaded lawn, chicken runs, two porches, slate roof, electric bell, good walks; level lot, 20x102½ feet to an alley. Near school and car lines. For further particulars call on or address T. SCHAFFNER, 72 Washington ave., 31st ward, Pittsburgh. 1224j

LIST YOUR PROPERTIES.
For rent or for sale, with us, and be assured of prompt and up-to-date dealing.
PRUDENTIAL TRUST CO.,
Penn and Centre aves., East End. 1105vxzh

FOR SALE—Sarah, near Twenty-second, brick of 6 rooms, bath, both gases, tile hearths, mantels; wide streets; shade trees; $1,000, easy payments; balance $6,250.
GEORGE KEISLING, 6013 Penn ave., E. E. 1224je

FOR SALE.
$1,800—Lot 72x200, 4-room dwelling and stables; good well and water; Turtle Creek, Pa.
W. A. BRYANS,
45 Penn ave., Turtle Creek. 618vxzh

BEAVER RESIDENCES FOR SALE.
Reno Shorthand School, Sixth and Smithfield. Graham's Reporting Style thoroughly taught. Every day, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. 1029h

SHORTHAND—THE MARTIN SHORTHAND School, 621 Penn ave.; oldest, largest; best. Established 19 years. Day and evening sessions. 1219h

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PARTNER—An active man in wholesale business; long established; good-paying business; capital required, $15,000 to $20,000. Present owner has too much to look after; this is a rare opportunity for right man; none but principals need apply. All communications strictly confidential. Address H 57, The Gazette. 1224ge

Real Estate.

WANTED—
COAL LANDS.
Wanted to buy 20,000 to 25,000 acres coal in Washington, Greene, Fayette or Allegheny counties; tracts of 100 acres to 5,000 acres. Barnes, Anderson & Co., 1012 and 1020 Park Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. 1224f

Educational.

WANTED—Parents to give their sons and daughters Christmas scholarships; these scholarships guarantee a practical education and profitable positions. Day and night school, all year. Actual Business College, corner Wood st. and Sixth ave., Pittsburgh. Established 1853. 1224jo

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Bunion feet to wear comfortably fitting shoes. We have them.
TRY CAIN,
924hb 503 Market st.

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Electric Plating.
Metal Patterns.
Model Making.
Light Machine Work.
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SECOND-HAND MACHINERY
IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION.
1 20x8 Water Tool Grinder.
1 Warner & Swasey Reamer Grinder.
1 14" Double Grinder Head.
1 12" Single Grinder Head.
1 Double Buffing Head.
1 850-lb. Drop Hammer, Board Lift.
1 100-lb. Drop Hammer, Belt Lift.
1 15" Hendey Shaper.
1 20" Lever Drill.
1 25" Upright Drill, Back Geared.
1 Horizontal Boring and Drilling Machine.
1 Heavy Post Drill.
1 No. 5 Sturtevant Monogram Blower.
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Shafting, Pulleys, Hangers, Etc.
U. BAIRD MACHINERY CO.,
Warehouse, 123-129 Water st.,
Liberty ave., nr. 25th st. 124-126 1st ave. 1224h

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OIL WELL DRILLING ENGINES.
One 10x12" Woods valve gear.
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Also gas and gasoline engines of various size and capacity, new and second hand, at low prices.
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All 'Phones 253 North. 1224vxah

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ALWAYS IN STOCK.
Boilers of all types and sizes.
2—60"x16'
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Vertical and Portable Boilers. All sizes.
Atwell Machinery Company,
Offices, 507 and 508 Hamilton Bldg.
Long distance 'phone 1503 Grant. 1345h

TRANTER-DAVISON MFG. CO.,
Manufacturers of
Shafting, hangers, iron and wood split pulleys, syphons, injectors, pipe and fittings, and specialties in iron and brass; boilers, engines, pumps, machinery and supplies. Agents for
WARREN GAS ENGINES.
105 Water st. 104 First ave.

Pianos.

PLAY WHILE YOU PAY.
Of Interest to Piano Purchasers.
A home is not complete without its piano, and when you can buy a piano, and a good one, at an outlay of $2 per week, why be without one? We offer your choice of fifty elegant upright pianos, fully warranted for six years with fine cover and stool, on payment of $2 per week, $8 per month; upright pianos $125 up; in fact, our $125 piano is better than many so-called $450 advertised instruments; don't take our word for it, but compare and you will agree with us in the claim that this value cannot possibly be duplicated elsewhere; come to us for your Christmas piano; we will please you. Hoffmann's Music House, 537 Smithfield st. 1210h

A MAGNIFICENT Hardman upright piano, most expensive style of case, in excellent condition; only $195; cost when new $475; a rare bargain. Look at this piano at Hoffmann's Music House, 537 Smithfield st. 1210h

A PAYMENT of $2 per week buys a piano at Hoffmann's Music House, 537 Smithfield st. Uprights, $125.
HOFFMANN'S, 537 Smithfield. 1210h

Birds and Dogs.

JUST received, first lot of St. Andriasburg Roller Canaries. These are the finest singing canaries in the world, condition of constant training being given to bring them to the desired degree of perfection. Also a new lot of Hartz Mountain Canaries; $2 each; guaranteed singers. Call or send for catalogue. New York Bird Store, 615 Smithfield st. 1120h

NEW lot of fine goldfish just received; 10c each, 3 for 25c; fish globes from 15c upward. Water plants, gravel, shells, food, everything required to fit aquariums. Just published "The Aquarium," how to keep fish. NEW YORK BIRD STORE, 615 Smithfield st. 1104h

GOLDFINCHES, linnets, bullfinches, larks and all kinds of European song birds; fine mocking birds and large variety of talking parrots. Every bird guaranteed. Come and see them; no trouble to show stock. Free catalogue. New York Bird Store, 615 Smithfield st. 1120h

THERE is nothing nicer for a Christmas present than a good canary and cage. Birds selected now will be held until Christmas. New York Bird Store, 615 Smithfield st. 1120h

Horses and Vehicles.

N. C. DAVISON.
Equipment of electric light and power plants, gas engines, boilers, pumps, compressors. 108 Market st. 1115jo

YOUR druggist can get SWEET CASTOR for you. 820h

Bar Fixtures.

AT lowest prices for cash or time; make your own terms; bar fixtures, work boards, pump, billiard tables, safes, etc. S. Delps Sons, corner Fourth and Liberty sts. 830vxvr

Musical Instruments.

FOR SALE—Some fine old string instruments; fine repairing done. G. Eschler, Violin Maker, 303 Fifth ave. 1222pvwvpwsc

Miscellaneous.

FOR SALE—50 misfit carpets.
To be sold cheap.
Ingrain, Brussels and Velvets.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co., 823 Pennsylvania ave. 126h

SORE, tired feet fitted in comfortably-fitting, honestly made shoes, in all kinds of leathers, at reasonable prices. by
1019hb CAIN, 503 Market st.

ENGINEERS appreciate our non-slipping, as near waterproof as can be made, and not stiff soled, high-laced boots. Easy as a slipper. 1019hh AT CAIN'S, 503 Market st.

GENUINE studs and rings $5 up. All diamonds at old prices and warranted.
GALLINGER, 1200 Penn ave. 1124pvyja

LADIES' and gents' watches, good as new, at one-half of jewelry store prices.
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LETTER HEADS, circulars, letters, bill heads, etc., printed as they should be by H. C. Knapp, 3521 Butler st. Both 'phones. 1016h

IF you want good painting done, go to a painter who knows his business.
1023h P. J. BYRNE, 634 Fifth ave.

GRINDSTONES—All sizes and grits, William Kirby, 309 First ave. 32h

NOT only babies, but mothers prefer SWEET CASTOR. 820h

NO trouble when SWEET CASTOR is used. 10 cents. 820h

SPECIAL.

Silver Plating,
Nickel Plating,
Brass Plating,
Copper Plating.
COOKE PLATING WORKS,
110 Sandusky st., Allegheny. 99hb

DON'T lay on a hard mattress.
Have it made over.
We send it back like new.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co., 823 Pennsylvania ave. 126h

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS.
This is a great truth when said of painting. Paint your house now the best season of the year. Send for BYRNE, 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

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IF it's a good printing you want, see Knapp, 3521 Butler st. Both 'phones. 1016h

SAVES trouble with the children, SWEET CASTOR. 820h

MEDICAL.

Cleaning. Dyeing.
SIMPSON CLEANING & DYEING CO.,
614 Penn Ave.
Repairing. Pressing. 1213h

SWEET CASTOR, pure castor oil; price 10 cts.; all druggists. 820h

NO trouble for babies to take SWEET CASTOR. 820h

MAMMA, give your child what? Only SWEET CASTOR. 820h

REWARD.

SWEET CASTOR!
Acts like Castor Oil.
Looks like Castor Oil.
Same dose as Castor Oil.
Same price as Castor Oil.
But it TASTES DIFFERENT! 820h

CALL up 383 North, both 'phones. Get prices on renovating. Feathers, mattresses and carpets. All orders given prompt attention. 126h

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IF you need castor oil, use SWEET CASTOR. 820h

PERSONAL.

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HEART TO HEART TALKS.
My Dear Fellow Pitt:
There has been too much saving at the spigot and wasting at the bung hole; too much illiberal and not enough public spirit shown; can you think of any better way of helping the city than by keeping up a good appearance, making our city attractive to strangers and satisfying to ourselves? No man should have a dirty looking house when painting is done so reasonable as here.
P. J. BYRNE,
1017h. 634 Fifth ave.

PERSONAL—Do you know that your old tables, ware, locks, hinges, brass beds can be repaired, replated or refinished and lacquered in a first-class manner at
COOKE PLATING WORKS,
110 Sandusky st., Allegheny. 99hb

FOUND—Carpets.
Lifted, cleaned, scoured.
Relined, sewed and relaid.
CAMERON & BORN,
Ohio and Sandusky sts., Allegheny. 126h

"RICH YOUR APPAREL,
as the purse can buy."
Keep your house well dressed, too; that's important.
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FOUND—The White Sewing Machine Co. will adjust and clean any make of sewing machine for $1. Send postal or 'phone White Sewing Machine Co., 122 Sixth st. 128h

FOUND—There is a right and wrong way. Mr. P. J. Byrne of 634 Fifth ave., tries to paint the right way. Give him a trial. You'll never regret it. 1017h

SORE, tired feet fitted in comfortably-fitting, honestly made shoes, in all kinds of leathers, at reasonable prices, by
1019hb CAIN, 503 Market st.

FOUND—I can rent a White sewing machine for 75 cents a week. Send postal or telephone White Sewing Machine Co., 122 Sixth st. 128h

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NO need for father's help to give SWEET CASTOR. 820h

SAME effect produced by sweet castor, 10 cents. 820h

THE only genuine SWEET CASTOR. Morris', 10 cents. 820h

LOST.

LOST—Time and money with badly printed cards, went to H. C. Knapp, the printer, and got satisfaction. He's the best printer in town. Find him at 3521 Butler st. Both 'phones. 1016h

LOST—Feathers Renovated,
Old ticks laundered.
Beds made into pillows.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co., 823 Pennsylvania ave. 126h

LOST—On Station st., between East Liberty station and Collins ave., lady's black hat, trimmed with bunch violets and black plumes. Suitable reward if returned to 609 Collins ave. 1124j

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614 Penn Ave.
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ROOM FOR ONE MORE.
Usually there's not; but at this season, if you want good painting done, send for BYRNE, the painter, 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

LOST—An opportunity if you fail to see three convenient small brick houses on Carlisa st., near Herron park. 126h

LOST—The chance to get good painting done if you fail to get P. J. BYRNE, the painter, to give you an estimate. 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

MAMMA can sleep when baby takes SWEET CASTOR. 820h

FOR adults as well as children, SWEET CASTOR. 820h

DANCING ACADEMIES.

TO get old and new carpets cheap,
You must get to the right place.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co., Near Irwin, 823 Pennsylvania ave.
P. & A. 'Phone 933 North. 126h

BRAUN'S DANCING ACADEMY,
Sixth and Liberty sts. Tel. 1561.
Classes for new beginners now forming.
Ten Lessons Three Dollars. 1107h

NEIGHBORS will advise the use of SWEET CASTOR. 820h

NO trouble for mothers to give SWEET CASTOR. 820h

STRAYED.

STRAYED—Bedroom suite,
Carpets, Springs and Mattresses,
Couches and Screen Cheap.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co., 823 Pennsylvania ave. 126h

STRAYED—On Thursday last, a large white bull terrier; ears uncut. A reward will be paid if returned to 715 Bidwell st., Sheepside, Pittsburgh. 1224jo

SWEET CASTOR takes place of castor oil. 10 cents. 820h

ELECTIONS.

First National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Wood st. and Fifth ave., Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m. The shareholders will be requested to vote at the meeting so called on an amendment to Section 5 of the articles of association, in regard to the election of

E. W. Harden's Daily New York Business Letter

CAR AND ENGINE PLANTS WORK AT HIGH PRESSURE

New Orders for Speedy Delivery to Railroads Have to Be Turned Down.

PITTSBURGH'S BIG BANKS

City Shows Up as Well as St. Louis in Number and Away Ahead of Cities Like Cincinnati and Baltimore.

Bullish Westinghouse Reports.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The most encouraging industrial reports now reaching Wall street are in reference to the extraordinary pressure under which railroad equipment is being turned out. Your correspondent has described the urgent demand for locomotives and the phenomenal prosperity of the companies manufacturing the same; but the prospects of 1902 for the manufacture of cars and smaller equipment are equally bright.

The American Car and Foundry Company recently had to refuse a large order offered by a big eastern system because it could not promise deliveries as soon as the railroad company desired. Most of the orders now being accepted by the American Car and Foundry Company are for delivery after next September, the company being booked to its maximum capacity until that time.

The Pressed Steel Car Company also enjoys a demand in excess of its capacity. In regard to this concern, there has been more or less talk during the past fortnight of very close relations between that company and the United States Steel Corporation. It pointed out that the present management of the Pressed Steel Car Company is composed of gentlemen nearly all of whom were recommended to their positions by interests of the United States Steel Corporation. It is intimated by officials in the car company that in a general way that concern observes the policies mapped out by the United States Steel Corporation. The car company is a large buyer of raw material from the steel corporation.

According to the December returns to the comptroller of the currency, there are 108 national banks in the United States showing individual gross deposits of $5,000,000 or more. Of this number, 32 are located in New York, 11 in Chicago, 9 in Boston, 12 in Philadelphia, 5 in St. Louis, 4 in Kansas City, 3 in Denver, 2 in Milwaukee, 5 in Pittsburgh, 2 in Minneapolis, 2 in Cincinnati, 2 in Baltimore, 3 in Indianapolis, 2 in Toledo, 2 in Cleveland, 2 in Omaha and 2 in St. Paul and 1 each in Albany, Scranton, Jersey City, Washington, Portland (Ore.), New Orleans and Duluth.

The National City bank of New York ranks first with gross deposits in excess of $160,000,000 and next to this Standard Oil institution come the so-called Morgan banks, namely, the National Bank of Commerce and the First National bank, with combined gross deposits in excess of $160,000,000. The other New York banks which have gross deposits in excess of $50,000,000 each are the Hanover, Park, Western and Chase.

The only banks outside of New York having deposits in excess of $50,000,000 are the First National of Chicago, with nearly $72,000,000, and the National Shawmut of Boston, with a little more than $53,000,000.

The significance of this showing is that it proves the fallacy of a theory that only a few years ago gave rise to considerable apprehension among interior banking interests. This was that the tendency on the part of larger corporations to locate their headquarters in New York city would result in taking profitable business from the interior banks; but, to the contrary, the banks in those cities whence corporation headquarters have been moved to New York city have continued to expand.

The best example of this is found in Pittsburgh, where five banks now have gross deposits each in excess of $5,000,000 and where the percentage of increase on deposits has been larger than in any other city in the country, not barring New York.

More Government Bonds Wanted.

The growing scarcity of gilt-edge bonds, particularly of government bonds, has become a serious banking problem, and it is believed that in their efforts to solve it the banking interests in the United States will be found arrayed in support of the movement now crystallizing for government control of telegraph lines. So far as it has developed in tentative form, this statement is understood to contemplate the purchase of the property of the two leading telegraph companies, with government bonds bearing 2 or 2½ per cent interest. These bonds probably would be made available for the banks as security for circulation, and as such would be worth, as the experts figure, between 107 and 109.

In the current discussion of banking reform, inspired by the suggestions embraced in the annual message of Secretary Gage, point has been made of the fact that the supply of government bonds is steadily replenished. The scarcity of such bonds is responsible for the high market prices now prevailing, these prices being so high as to cause New York banks to cancel this month $3,000,000 of their circulation in order to realize bonds for redemption.

Sharon Company Well Provided.

Information was given today of a contract between the Consolidated Lake Superior Company and the Sharon Steel Company whereby the latter undertakes to supply the former with 250,000 tons of iron ore, the same to be delivered 50,000 tons a year over a period of five years. The contract was negotiated through the firm of M. A. Hanna & Co. of Cleveland. The terms are withheld. The Sharon Steel Company seems to have a very strong position in the ore field. It being estimated that it has something like 30,000,000 tons of ore in sight in the Lake Superior district.

Prosperous Westinghouse.

The recent advances of Westinghouse Electric in the market here are explained by the very bullish trade reports received from London. The British Westinghouse Electric Company is understood to have had a very prosperous year. Its plant at Birmingham will be larger than the parent plant at Pittsburgh, and will begin the year 1902 with an extraordinary amount of business booked, including contracts for the equipment of the London underground railway. Electric development in Great Britain has just begun to show its possibilities. It is believed that the British Westinghouse Company will be to England what the General Electric Company is to the United States. All the common stock of the British Westinghouse Company is owned by the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company, and on its holdings the American concern expects to realize large returns. The relations between the Westinghouse Electric Company and the General Electric Company are very friendly, so friendly, indeed, that some people who are well informed believe that the two interests have entered into an alliance, both offensive and defensive.

E. W. HARDEN.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There has been no change for cotton goods today. Business has been on a quiet scale, with a number of bids turned down by sellers. Brown sheetings and drills are firm. Bleached cottons tend upward. Coarse colored cottons scarce in good makes and against buyers. Demand for prints and ginghams quiet but market well sold and firm in price. Cotton hosiery quiet. Underwear in moderate demand.

News From the Mines

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the American mining News from Chihuahua, Mex., says the Watterson, the most extensively developed property in the Jesus Maria district, has been sold to an English syndicate for $800,000 gold.

Nearly 600 men are working in the mines of Tonopah, Nev., and the aggregate amount of money paid out for wages is about $72,000 a month. Teamsters, carpenters and outside laborers receive sufficient to increase this sum to $100,000.

A large deposit of nitre-bearing ore has been discovered on the Mohave river, near Newberry, Cal. Claims embracing several thousand acres have been located. Surface tests of the ore show as high as 10 per cent nitre.

A ledge rich in cinnabar, silver and gold has been discovered on a ranch near Bloomfield, Sonoma county, Cal.

During the year the Dexter mines and mills at Tuscarora, Nev., produced $167,391. The expenditures were $163,696. Large ore reserves are now blocked out, about 36,000 tons of the slimes, valued from $8 25 to $11 20 a ton, are on hand. A plant for the treatment of the slimes probably will be provided in the spring.

Charles King Perrygill, a banker of Des Moines, Ia., has bought the Roxana group, on Raven hill, Cripple Creek, for $250,000. Two feet of ore running $20 to the ton has been encountered on the Echo company's property on the Arequa townsite at a depth of 100 feet. This is the first pay ore found in the vicinity.

In five clean-ups at the cyanide plant of the Dance-King property, in the North Mosquito, Baker City, Ore., was $60,000. In addition there was a big output of rich concentrates.

There were no special features apparent in metal circles today at home or abroad, aside from the slight advances in tin and copper at the latter point, but this failed to stimulate business and general holiday sheep and lambs at the local yards this morning were light, receipts in excess. The supply, while is considered fair in number. Was very common in quality and was not up to the standard by any means. Twenty-five cars were reported on sale and the sales were slow from start to finish. The prices ruled fairly steady on the first grades, but the more common were sold at quite a discount. About all stock was cleaned up before the close of the afternoon session of the market. The quotations follow:

Best wethers, 90 to 110 pounds, $3 75@4 00; good, 85 to 90 pounds, $3 25@3 60; culled, 75 to 80 pounds, $2 50@3 10; culls and common, $1 00@2 00; yearlings, $3 00@4 10; lambs, $6 00@6 35; veal calves, $6 50@7 50.

The Spirit of Christmas Invades the Wall Street Stock Market

SPECULATORS LESS ANXIOUS TO MAKE MONEY

Liquidation in Sugar About the Only Notable Feature of the Day.

CALL MONEY GOES HIGHER

Banks Mark Rates Up to 8 Per Cent. Amalgamated Copper Fluctuated Within a Point—Demand for Coal Helped Advance in the Coalers.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Today's stock market took on the tone of holiday dullness and the volume of dealings fell away to little over half a million shares, of which a large proportion was in Sugar. The fluctuations in the general market were not of great importance outside of Sugar. There was a disposition to advance railroad stocks in the early dealings, especially the coalers, but the steady liquidation in Sugar had an unsettling influence on the market and the stiffness of the call loan market discouraged speculation. The banks generally marked up their standing call loans to 8 per cent and the greater part of the day's loans were made at that rate. The incentive to business in a call loan rate below 6 per cent, while brokers charge their customers 6 per cent to carry stocks, was therefore lacking and commission houses showed a languid interest in the market. The deep cut of 25 points made by the American Sugar Refining Company in the price of refined sugar, thus underbidding their principal competitors, caused discussion of the probability of a war in the trade, but much attention was also given assertions of the threat of competition growing out of the great increase in production of beet sugar and the very low prices at which that product is selling in Europe. Only twice during the day did Sugar rally as much as a point to interrupt its persistent downward course. The final price was lowest and 6⅝ below Saturday's closing. The previous low record for this year was hit down at 112⅝. Today's final price was 109¼.

Amalgamated Copper maintained its more stable tone, fluctuating less than a point, but always below Saturday's level. The stock's net loss is ⅝. There was considered little change in the metal markets in London, which was reflected in a 3-point decline in National Lead preferred here, the common stock also losing a point.

The firmness of the coalers was due to the urgent character of the demand for coal, which is reported to amount to a famine at some points, thus maintaining the prosperity of the year of largest production and greatest profits in the coal trade. Pittsburgh Coal Company and St. Louis rose 3 and the preferred 2⅜. New York Airbrake broke 15 on the report of a judicial decision against one of the company's patents, but recovered a large part of the loss.

The probability that money rates will not relax until some time after January 1 repressed speculation. The unprecedented holiday trade is making large local demand for cash and it is reported that many banks are drawing large sums from their deposits with the banks somewhat for their year-end requirements. There was deposited at the sub-treasury $350,000 today for transfer to New Orleans. Many predictions continue to circulate of a January rise in prices after money becomes easier.

Bonds were but moderately active today and irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,705,000. United States registered and the new 4s, declined ⅛ per cent on the last call.

WALL STREET FEATURES.

Total sales 510,200 shares.

Call loans advanced to 8 per cent.

Sugar lost 6⅝ net.

Amalgamated Copper held steady.

Three point drop in National Lead.

P., C., C. & St. L. advanced 3 points and the preferred 2½.

New York Airbrake broke 18 points, but recovered a large portion of the loss.

United States Steel common closed 42½.

United States Steel preferred closed 92½.

CLOSING PRICES OF BONDS.

U. S. reg. 2s	106¾	L. & N. uni. 4s	103
Do coup.	106¾	Mex. Central 4s	83
Do 3s reg.	108¾	Do 1st inc.	31
Do coup.	108¾	M. & St. L. 4s	102
Do new 4s reg.	135½	M., K. & T. 4s	96⅝
Do coup.	135¾	Do 2ds	81
Do old 4s, reg.	111¾	N. Y. Cent. lists	109¼
Do coup.	112½	Do gen. 3½s	110
Do 5s reg.	107½	N. J. C. gen. 5s	134
Do coup.	108	Nor. Pac. 4s	105¾
Atchison gen. 4s	103	Do 3s	75
Do adjt. 4s	94⅜	N. & W. con. 4s	102⅝
B. & O. 4s	102⅝	Ontario & W. 4s	99½
Do 3½s	98½	Iron Mt. con. 5s	117
Do conv. 4s	104	St. L. & S. F. 4s	97½
Canada Sou. 2ds	103¾	St. L. & Sw. lists	90
C. & O. 5s reg.	107½	Do 2ds	79¾
C. & O. 4½s	106½	S. A. & A. P. 4s	89½
C. & A. 4½s	85	South. Pacific 4s	93
C., R. & Q. new 4s	98⅜	Southern Ry. 5s	124
St. Paul cons. 7s	140	Tex. & Pac. lists	119½
C. & N. con. 7s	140½	S. St. L. & W. 4s	81
Rock Island 4s	106½	Union Pacific 4s	106½
C., C., C. & St. L.	106	Do conv. 4s	104¾
Do gen. 4s	101	Wabash lists	118¾
Chicago Ter. 4s	88¼	Do 2ds	110
Col. & South. 4s	89½	Do deb. B	69⅛
D. & R. G. 4s	103¾	West Shore 4s	114⅝
Erie prior lien 4s	106	W. N. Y. & P. 5s	110
Do gen. 4s	89¾	Wiscon. Cent. 4s	90¾
F. W. & D. C. 1st	104¼	Con. Tobacco 4s	69½
Hock. Valley 4½s	109		

New York "Curb" Market.

Henry Sproul & Co. furnish the following closing bids on active stocks traded in on the "curb," or outside the New York stock exchange:

A. Hide & Leath.	4½	N. Y. E. V. Tr.	12
Do pref'd.	52	Ills Elevator	27½
Bay State Gas	⅛	Do preferred	64
Brit Col. Copper	8½	R. B. Powder pfd.	104
Brooklyn Ferry	78¼	Standard Oil	650
Consolidated Air	10	Texas Pacific	30
Electric Boat	20	U. S. C. Iron Pipe	7½
Do preferred	40	Do preferred	38
Electric Vehicle	2½	Union Copper	¼
Do preferred	20	Do preferred	2½
Elec. Pneumatic	1¼	Do preferred	47½
General Carriage	1¾	American Chain	15½
Havana Com. Co.	11	Do preferred	85
Do preferred	48	American Ice	6¾
N. A. Gas Bonds	108½	Greene Copper	29

Express Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Closing prices of express stocks were:

Adams	190	United States	93
American	202	Wells Fargo	190

Electric Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Electric stocks closed: General Electric, 220. Mass. Elec. pfd., 90. Mass. Electric, 32½.

Chicago Stocks.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Dullness followed the closing up of deals in stocks for the holidays. The close:

Am. Can	15¾	Chicago Tel.	223
Do preferred	87	Lake St. L.	10⅛
Northwestern L.	37¼	West Chicago	91⅝
Biscuit	43⅛	Diamond Match	155
Do preferred	119¾	New Railway	153
Metropolitan L.	30¼	Edison	100
Do preferred	89½		

NEW YORK PRICES.

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., 1790 Fourth avenue, members of the New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.
11800	A., T. & S. F.	75½	78¾	77½	78
4000	Do preferred	100¾	101	100½	100¾
	Am. Cotton Oil	32	33	32	32½
	Do preferred	85	85	85	85
109000	Am. Sugar Ref.	115½	115¾	109¾	109¾
	Do preferred	135	135	134	134½
2400	Am. Locomotive	21¾	31¾	31¼	31½
600	Do preferred	80½	80¾	80¼	80¼
1400	American Tobacco	86¾	86¾	86¼	86¼
200	Do preferred	86¾	86¾	86¼	86¼
	American Can				15¾
	Do preferred				26
27800	Anal. Copper	66⅞	68⅜	65¾	66⅞
2000	Ana. Cop. Min.	28⅝	29	28¾	28¾
900	Am. Sm. & Ref.	43½	43¾	43¼	43½
800	Do preferred	97	97	96¾	96¾
	American Ice	27¾	27¾	27	27
	Do preferred	64¾	64¾	63¾	63¾
3000	B. & O.	102	102	100½	100½
200	Do preferred	94¾	94¾	94¾	94¾
11200	Brook. R. T.	65	65¾	64¾	64¾
900	Chicago Gt. W.	24¼	24½	23¾	23¾
	Consolidated Gas				235
	C., C., C. & St. L.				97¾
600	Chesa. & Ohio	40⅝	40⅝	40½	40½
100	Chicago & Alton	35¾	35¾	34¾	34¾
100	Do preferred	76	76	76	75
1400	Col. Fuel & Iron	90¾	90¾	89¾	90
	Do preferred				96
900	Col. Southern	14¼	14¼	14	14¼
200	Do 1st pfd.	58¾	58¾	57¾	57¾
100	Do 2d pfd.	37	37½	37¼	37¼
	D., L. & W.				242
1400	Dela. & Western	175	175½	174½	175
11600	Erie	40¾	41½	40¾	40¾
4000	Do 1st pfd.	69¾	70¾	69¾	70¾
1100	Do 2d pfd.	58½	58¾	58	58
400	General Electric	281	286	281	279½
	Glucose Sug. Ref				128¼
	Do preferred				96
400	Illinois Central	138¾	138¾	138	137½
	Iowa Central				36
	Do preferred				71
700	Internat. Paper	20¾	20¾	20	20
100	Do preferred	75	75	75	75
	L. E. & W.	66	66	66	66
	Do preferred				120
3200	Lous. & Nash.	106¼	106¼	106	106
7200	Manhattan	134¾	134½	133¾	133¾
8100	Missouri Pacific	104½	104¾	103¾	103¾
100	M., K. & T. pfd.	82¾	82¾	82¾	82¾
3700	N. Y. Central	161¾	162¼	161¼	162¼
700	Mexican Central	25¾	25¾	24¾	24¾
1100	National Lead	16¾	16¾	15¾	15¾
	Do preferred	79	79	77	77
	National Biscuit				43¾
	Do preferred				102¼
2900	N. Y. Central	106¾	107¼	106	106
1400	N. J. Central	158	158½	157	157½
7300	N. Y. Air Brake	54¾	54¾	54	54¼
600	Norfolk & West.	56¾	56¾	56	55¾
100	Do preferred	91¾	91¾	91¼	91
	Omaha				212
1200	Ont. & West.	42¾	42¾	42¼	42¼
800	Pacific Mail	45¾	45¾	45	44
	Pullman				212
1500	Pressed Steel Car	41	41	40¾	40
1500	Do preferred	85¾	85¾	85	85
10800	Penna. R. R.	147¾	148¾	147¾	147¾
	P., C., C. & St. L.	77	78	77	78
	Do preferred	108	111	108	111
57200	Reading	39¼	41¼	39¼	40¾
8500	Do 1st pfd.	80	80¾	80	80¾
16100	Do 2d pfd.	59¾	60¾	59¾	59¾
700	Rock Island	132	132	130½	130½
	Republic Iron	20¾	20¾	19¾	19¾
400	Do preferred	69¾	69¾	68¾	68¾
16000	Southern Pacific	66¾	67¾	66¼	66¾
4300	Southern Ry.	33½	33¾	32¾	32¾
2100	Do preferred	94¾	94¾	94	94
1400	St. L. & S. F.	164¾	164¾	163½	163¾
	Do preferred				188
	St. L. & Sw.				27
	Do preferred				77
1500	Tenn. C. & I.	63¾	63¾	62½	62½
100	Texas & Pacific	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾
100	T., St. L. & Sw.	19	19	19	18½
	Do preferred				45
21800	U. P.	43	43	42¾	42¾
9100	Do preferred	92¾	93	92¾	92½
18900	Union Pacific	102¾	102¾	101¾	101¾
700	Do preferred	88¾	89¼	88¾	89
	U. S. Rubber				23
1200	U. S. Leather	11¾	11¾	11½	11½
100	Do preferred	80½	80½	80½	80½
	Wabash	23¾	23¾	23¼	23¼
2800	Do preferred	42¾	42¾	42	42
300	W. U. Telegraph	91½	91½	91	91
	W. & L. E.				18¼
	Do preferred				69¾
	Nor. Pac. pfd.				90¾

Total sales, 510,200 shares.

Philadelphia Stocks.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 23.—The closing bids were as follows:

Penna. R. R.	147½	Tidewater Steel	7
Phila. Traction	97¾	Cambria Steel Co.	24½
Union Traction	43	Lehigh Nav. Co.	87
Elec. & Peo. 4s	68	American Rys.	61
Con. Trac. N. J.	67	Alkali	27
Con. Is. Superior	22½	Asphalt 5s	35
Storage	3	Electric General	4
Do preferred	60	Lehigh Valley	57
Phila. Electric	4½	Superior Pfd.	66
Gold Gas Impt.	116	Powder	9

Pittsburgh Stocks at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Heaps, DeHaven & Townsend, brokers, Philadelphia, furnish the following report of the market for Pittsburgh securities on the Philadelphia stock exchange:

STOCKS.	Last.	Low.	High.	Bid.	Asked.
A. V. R. R. pfd.	12½				
Marsden	4¾	4½	4¾	7-16	4½
Con. Traction	23	23	23	23	23¼
Do preferred	68	68¾	68	68	68¾
United Traction	14				
Do 5s	114½				
Philadel. Co.	46½	46	47	46½	46¾
Do preferred	45½				
Do 5s	112¾	112¾	112¾	112¾	113

Total sales—Marsden, 220; Consolidated Traction, 500; do preferred, 200; Philadelphia Company, 300; Philadelphia 5s, $10,000.

London Closing Stocks.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Stocks closed:

Cons. for money	94 1-16	Norfolk & West.	57¾
Do account	94 1-16	Do preferred	90¾
Anaconda	5⅝	Nor. Pac. pfd.	102
Atchison	80¾	Ontario & West.	19
Do preferred	101¾	Pennsylvania	59¾
Balt. & Ohio	105	Reading	42¾
Canadian Pacific	116¾	Do 1st pfd.	81
Ches. & Ohio	47¾	Do 2d pfd.	70¾
Chicago Gt. W.	24¼	Southern Ry.	33¾
Chi. M. & St. P.	169½	Do preferred	95¾
D. & R. G.	43¾	Southern Pacific	68
Do preferred	98¾	Union Pacific	102
Erie	42	Do preferred	94¾
Do 1st pfd.	74¼	U. S. Steel	42¾
Do 2d pfd.	59¾	Do preferred	96¾
Illinois Central	142¾	Wabash	23
Louis. & Nash.	108¾	Do preferred	42
M. K. & T.	82¾	Spanish 4s	74¾
Do preferred	94¼	Rand Mines	11
N. Y. Central	161	De Beers	20½
N. Y. Ont. & W.	27¾	Chesapeake & Ohio	47

Money on call was quiet, 2½@3 per cent. Closing bid, 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87¾@4 88 for demand and at $4 84¼@4 84½ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4 85½@4 86. Commercial bills, $4 83¾@4 84. Silver certificates, 59¾@60¼. Bar silver, 59¾c. Mexican dollars, 45¾c. Government bonds weak; state bonds inactive; railroad bonds irregular.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Gold premiums are quoted: Buenos Ayres, 143.30; Madrid, 25.45.

RAILROAD FINANCES.

Preliminary Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The preliminary report of the interstate commerce commission on the income account of railroads in the United States for the year ended June 30, 1901, shows returns of railroad companies operating 192,193 miles of line. The passenger earnings of these railroads were $426,309,210, and the freight earnings $1,314,749,776. The total gross earnings were $1,907,205,214, against $1,737,084,814 in 1900. Operating expenses amounted to $1,022,156,281, or $5,322 a mile of line, making the net earnings $555,407,767, or $35,877,224 more than the net for the year 1900.

The amount of dividends declared during the year was $121,108,627, or $13,000,000 more than for the same roads in 1900. The surplus from operations was $77,544,535. The complete report for the preceding year shows a surplus of $67,607,833. The preliminary report is confined to returns of operating roads. It is supplemented by detailed statements and leased companies annually includes about $50,000,000 paid on the part of leased lines.

CUT IN SUGAR.

Overproduction Said to Be the Cause of Heavy Reductions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The American Sugar Refining Company has reduced its list prices on hard grades of refined sugar 25 points, and 15 points on soft grades. H. H. Howell, Son & Co. are meeting the reduction.

Arbuckle Bros. have reduced the price of refined sugar 25 points. The action is said to be the result of overproduction, and this means is taken to dispose of the surplus stocks.

Foreign Bourses.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Prices opened steady on the bourse today. Later there were reactions owing to the South American news and the decline in Argentine and Chilean securities in London. The closing was dull.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Money was firm today. Discounts were easy. Business on the stock exchange was poor. The most prominent feature was the weakness of Argentine and Chilean securities. Other South American securities acted sympathetically. Consols were firm. American issues were firm, in sympathy with New York, but afterward reacted to below parity and became irregular and inactive. The closing was dull. Rio Tintos were weak, closing declining to 37, at which figure the market was finally dull.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Prices on the bourse today were unfavorably affected by the unsatisfactory Argentine-Chilean issue. Argentines were freely offered and declined sharply. Brazilians also dropped in sympathy. Rentes suffered owing to realizations. Russian securities made a substantial recovery. Favorable war is particularly noted. Industrial Hennebiques continued in good demand. Miscellaneous securities were also easy, notably Omnium de Paris, in consequence of their connection with South American stocks. Other stocks were dull. Exchange on London for checks, 25 francs 20 centimes. The premium on Rio Tintos closed unchanged at 25 francs 87½ centimes.

The Treasury and the Banks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—In redemption of checks drawn by depositors of gold at the Seattle assay office today's official records show that the sub-treasury paid out Saturday $102 against $14,901 for the same day of the week ago. Total payments by government to New York banks for the day were $5,000,000. Payment by banks to government, $5,429,000. Balance on the day's transactions, $465,000 paid by banks to government. Total net payment by government to banks since Friday, $293,000, against $969,000 paid by banks to government for the corresponding period a week ago. The deposits were made by the banks for payment 24 interior points.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows:

Available cash balance, $120,904,704; gold, $114,134,000. Receipts, $84,000. Total disbursements, $5,021,886; treasury notes of 1890, $128,000; national bank notes, $9,180,369; total receipts this day, $2,158,015; total receipts this month, $9,508,871; total receipts since July 1, $65,600,000; total expenditures this month, $25,500,000; total expenditures this year, $125,033,688. Deposits in national banks, $113,412,704.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Coffee—Spot Rio quiet and unchanged. Sugar—Raw very, fair refining, 3 13-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 13-16c; molasses sugar, 3 9-16c; refined quiet; No. 6, 4.05c; No. 7, 4.00c; No. 8, 3.95c; No. 9, 3.90c; No. 10, 3.85c; No. 11, 3.75c; No. 12, 3.70c; No. 13, 3.65c; No. 14, 3.55c; standard A, 4.45c; confectioners' A, 4.45c; mold A, 4.50c; cut loaf, 5.10c; crushed, 5.10c; powdered, 4.85c; granulated, 4.75c; cubes, 4.90c. Coffee futures opened steady in tone at a decline of 5 to 25 points under realizing sales by spot houses and in the absence of speculative support. Subsequently the market developed buying by commission houses and a full movement of coffee in the spot country. Later in the session selling became quite general among the talent, with Wall Street and the general public for the most part absent. Trading was comparatively active all day, total sales amounting to 40,500 bags. The market was finally steady at a net decline of 5 to 15 points. Closing bids: March, 4.60c; May, 4.65c; August, 4.75c; September at 4.75c; October at 4.80c and December at 4.85@4.90c.

Americans Were Cheerful.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Commercial Advertiser of today publishes financial cablegrams: South African shares were blazing today, and South American stocks were flat on the reflection of trade assumed by Argentina and Chile. Reports of the settlement of these disputes were quietly steady. American stocks were sensitive and dull till New York protected a slight degree of activity in the coalers, with Erie and Union Pacific leading. Rio Tintos reached 40¾ and closed at 40 the ton. Paris exchange is 25.37½ and Berlin 20.40½.

Turpentine and Rosin.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.—Turpentine, nothing doing. Rosin firm, $1.00@1.20. Crude turpentine, quiet, $1.10@2.00. Tar steady at $1.20.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.—Turpentine unchanged. Rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine firm, 36½c. Rosin firm.

Millers Invade the Wheat Market

WINTER WHEAT IN DEMAND BY EAGER MILLERS

Scarcity Caused Rivalry Between Buyers and Price Went 4 Cents Over May.

FOREIGN DEMAND STRONG

Stocks Abroad Are Too Small to Permit of Any Decline in the Price at Liverpool—Corn Market Dull and Narrow—Not Affected by Wheat.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The scarcity of red winter wheat was the controlling factor in the wheat pit today, and overbalanced the influence of dullness, and the evening-up of deals prior to the holidays. May wheat closed 1@1¼c higher, May corn unchanged at ⅛c up and May oats ⅛c higher. May provisions closed 5 to 10c higher.

Wheat had the floor throughout the session. It alone of all the grains showed a semblance of activity and had a uniform strong tone. At the outset cables were weak and this with the break up of the cold weather presaged a setback for wheat. It was with some surprise that traders saw a steady opening and a still steadier advance in the leading cereal. Weekly statistics were slightly bullish, the strength of Saturday was carried over despite the holidays tomorrow and Christmas, and there was a good show of buying orders. The scarcity of red winter wheat and the anxiety of millers to secure what there was on the market, however, did the work. Winter wheat sold in large lots at 4c over May and 85c was quoted for smaller sales. The foreign demand was reported good and private advices stated that stocks abroad were too small to permit of any declines in prices at Liverpool. On these influences May, which opened 8c higher to ⅛c lower, at 80¾@81¼c, sold up to 82¼c and closed strong, 1@1¼c higher, at 82@82¼c. Local receipts were 25 cars, none of contract grade. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 791 cars, making a total for three points of 816 cars, against 755 the previous week. Primary receipts were 880,000 bushels; last year was a holiday. Corn had a dull, narrow market, little affected by the strength in wheat. Cables were indifferent, trade was small and liberal selling at times had a depressing influence. May opened unchanged to ⅛c lower and fluctuated very narrowly. The mild weather made shorts hopeful of heavy receipts, but prices proved balky and would not sell under 66¾c. The wheat strength could not buoy May up above 67¼c, however, and the close was only steady, unchanged to ⅛c up, at 67@67¼c. Receipts were 172 cars.

Oats had a fair commission house trade and were moderately active. The range of quotations was very narrow and most of the deals were in even up over the holidays. May opened steady and practically unchanged and closed ⅛c higher, at 45¾@45¾c. Receipts were 162 cars.

Provisions had a steady market, with lard the leading product in demand. There was fair buying by the country, based largely on the bullish factor of light weight in hogs. May pork closed 10c up at $16 82½, May lard 5@7½c higher, at $9 82½@9 85 and May ribs 5c advance, at $8 85.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 30 cars; corn, 235 cars; oats, 180 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

The leading futures, corrected by Lathrop R. Bacon & Co., members of the Chicago board of trade, 209 Sixth street, range as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Saturday's Close.
WHEAT					
No. 2					
Dec.	77½	78¼	77½	78⅝	77½
July	81⅜	82¼	80⅝	82⅛	81
Sept.	81	82¼	80⅝	82	80⅝
CORN					
No. 2					
Dec.	65⅞	66	63⅜	64	64
May	67	67⅛	66⅛	67⅛	67
July	66⅝	66⅞	66⅛	66⅞	66⅝
OATS					
No. 2					
Dec.	44⅝	44⅝	44⅛	44⅛	44⅜
May	45¼	45½	45¼	45½	45¾
July	39	39¼	39	39¼	39
MESS PORK					
Jan.	16 40	16 45	16 40	16 45	16 37½
May	16 82½	16 92½	16 82½	16 82½	16 82½
LARD					
Jan.	9 75	9 77½	9 72½	9 75	9 72½
May	9 80	9 85	9 80	9 85	9 77½
SHORT RIBS					
Jan.	8 37½	8 40	8 37½	8 40	8 37½
May	8 62½	8 65	8 60

Local Stocks Were Still Quite Active, but the Market Was Irregular

ELECTRICS MARKED UP $3 TO $82

Very Large Demand for the Seconds Made Them a New High Mark.

U. S. STEEL WAS ACTIVE

Pittsburgh Coal Preferred and Window Glass Common Were Quite Active, but a Shade Lower—Air-brake and Switch Were Advanced.

On the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday the market was considerably less active than that of Saturday and the tone was more irregular. Despite this, however, the business was very fair and compared to that which preceded last week, unusually so. At the close the tone was less firm and the prices somewhat below the highest of the day.

The greatest activity centered in Westinghouse Electric seconds which sold over 2,200 shares and closed about steady at 80½, a gain of 1½ for the day. The opening price was at 79, the previous high record. From that figure it went up $3 a share to 82, which was a new high record. At the windup it reached 1½, and closed as stated. There was no trading in the firsts. Next to Electric seconds in the volume of trading was Pittsburgh Coal preferred, over 1,200 shares changing hands. The stock opened at 92¾ and advanced to 93, the low was 92½ and the close firm at 92⅞, sales and bid. That price was ⅛ lower than Saturday's. The common stock also declined ⅛ to 27⅞ after selling at 28¼. 600 shares changing hands. River Coal common was dull but steady and unchanged at 13 for 400 shares. The preferred opened at 46, advanced ¼ and reacted ⅛, closing at 45¾, a loss of ⅛ on sales of 160 shares.

PITTSBURGH FEATURES.

Pittsburgh bank exchanges pass the two billion-dollar mark.

Total sales Pittsburgh stock exchange 9,993 shares, $5,000 bonds, 223 rights and 46 warrants.

Westinghouse Electric seconds made a new high record at 82. Closed 80½. Gain 1½. Sales 2,239 shares.

Westinghouse Airbrake advanced $3 to 179.

Switch and Signal common advanced 2¼ to 73¾.

United States Steel common closed 42⅞. Sales 1,125 shares.

United States Steel preferred sold 420 shares. Closed 92¾.

Crucible Steel common, sale 300 shares at 23¾. The preferred did not sell.

Window Glass common sold 1,075 shares. Closed 57⅝.

In the steel group, United States Steel common was quite active and firm. Over 1,100 shares were sold, the stock opening at 42¾ and advancing to 43. It closed ⅛ lower at 42¾ and offered still ¼ lower at 42¾. The gain for the day was ⅛. The preferred was less active, but was quite firm and closed with a gain of ¾ at 92¾. The opening and high was at 93, 400 shares changing hands. Crucible Steel common was very dull and until the last call had no sales. At that time 300 shares were sold at 23¾, which was the last price. More offered at that figure. The preferred, very strange to say, passed the day without a sale of any kind, closing at 84½ bid, and 84½ asked. This was the first time in weeks that the preferred stock has failed to sell.

In the glass group, American Window Glass common was easily the leader, selling nearly 1,100 shares. After opening at 57⅛ it declined to 56⅝ and finally closed at 57⅝, a loss of ⅛. The preferred sold 50 shares at 91, an advance of $1. After a long period without a sale, National Glass was again traded in, 300 shares selling at 17, a decline of $1. This price is a new low record for the stock. There was also some trading in Pittsburgh Plate Glass common, nearly 300 shares selling. The stock opened at 149, and closed firm at 150. The latter part of last week the stock was quoted ex-dividend 1½ per cent, so that yesterday's price is practically ex-dividend that much. The last sale occurred December 17, at 152, which makes yesterday's price an apparent loss of $2 a share, though in reality it was only about 50 cents.

In the remaining sales National Fire Proofing issues attracted the most attention, though both were comparatively dull. The common declined 1½ to 35½ and offered at that price afterward. The preferred lost ½ at 43⅝ and appeared easy. Union Switch and Signal common developed sudden strength at the last call and advanced from 72¼ at the opening to 73¾, a gain of 2¼. Westinghouse Airbrake was firmer and on sales of a little over 200 shares advanced $3 to 179. Ice preferred was $1 higher at 87 for 50 shares. Tri-State Gas advanced $3 to 135 and Third National Bank was up 10½ to 105. Lincoln National gained $2 at 130 and Federal National was ⅛ lower at 120½. There were no other important changes in either the sales or the quotations.

Financial Drift.

Schoyer bought Westinghouse Airbrake.

Standard Chain was offered on call at 50.

H. A. Marlin offered 500 Consolidated Traction preferred stock receipts at the last call at 43⅝.

At the last call 1,000 National Glass offered at 19.

At noon R. C. Hall offered 1,000 Trade Dollar Mining at $2.50.

McMullin offered $10,000 new Philadelphia Company 5s at 106.

The Chicago board of trade will close Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chartiers Railway advanced from 104 to 110 bid, the record price.

At the last call R. Hill & Co. offered 500 United States Steel common at 42⅞.

Whitney & Stephenson sold 300 National Glass at 17 at the last call.

After the first call John Barbour, Jr., bought 300 Pittsburgh Coal common.

At the second session Hill & Co. offered 500 A. V. R. R. preferred at 26.

H. M. Long, Miller and Hill & Co. bought Window Glass common at noon.

Doty & Sutton were the only sellers of A. W. Glass common at the last call.

Crawford & Eberman bought 200 United States Steel common at the first call.

A. J. Lawrence sold 40 Federal National Bank at the first call to Robinson & Orr.

John B. Barbour, Jr., bid 82½ after the second call for 20 Westinghouse Electric firsts.

At the first call Speer Bros. bought 10 Lincoln National Bank from John B. Barbour, Jr.

Hill & Co. bought 200 Pittsburgh Coal common at the last call. They also got 227 preferred.

Henry Sproul & Co. sold 500 Pittsburgh Coal preferred at the first call. Hill & Co. taking 475 shares. After that call Hill sold 475 to Robinson Bros.

At the first call McMullin sold 200 Fire Proofing common, 100 each to Hong and Doty & Sutton.

Whitney & Stephenson sold a block of 500 River Coal common to A. J. Lawrence at the first call.

H. J. Lotz bought 23 Third National bank of Pittsburgh at the last call from Whitney & Stephenson.

Hill & Co. bought a block of 300 United States Steel preferred at the last call from Robinson Bros.

After the first call Robinson Bros. sold 100 Copper to R. C. Hall, and the latter got 100 more at the last call.

At the last call Sproul & Co. sold $5,000 City of Pittsburgh 4s due 1913, to Carothers & Co. at 107 and interest.

Robinson Bros. were the principal buyers of Union Switch & Signal common at the last call. The selling was scattered.

After the first call Miller sold 500 United States Steel common to Robinson Bros., and the latter sold 200 to Hill & Co.

At the last session John Barbour, Jr., sold 40 Tri-State Gas to R. C. Hall, and Hall then offered to buy or sell 100 at 135.

J. L. Penney sold 200 Crucible Steel common at the last call, and Carothers & Co. 100. Robinson, Long and Hill took 100 each.

At the beginning of the second call Darr & Moore bought 275 Pittsburgh Plate Glass common. Robinson Bros. sold 200 and Carothers 80.

At the first call Hill & Co. sold 400 Westinghouse Electric seconds to Sproul & Co., 200 Robinson Bros. and Robinson & Orr 125 each. Hill bought 350, and Robinson Bros. 925.

At the second call Hill & Co. bought 100 Westinghouse Electric seconds, and after the call 300 more to Robinson Bros., and at 81. They also got 100 Brewing common.

New York Airbrake had a sensational decline at the opening on the defeat by the Westinghouse Company. It was thought by insiders said the effect was merely temporary.

American Can insiders say that the stock is cheap at present prices, and that important financial concerns retain their holdings. The company intends to dominate the can market.

A Chicago special says: It is rumored that the Pullman Company will be assessed on $1,000,000 more than last year. If this is true the company will be assessed on only $21,000,000.

President T. H. Given of the Farmers Deposit National bank has had a specially designed check to mail his stockholders for the 19 per cent Christmas dividend declared Saturday. In the upper left-hand corner is a sprig of holly, with red berries, and on the right-hand is a detachable coupon bearing a Christmas greeting.

TWO BILLIONS PASSED.

Pittsburgh Bank Exchanges for the Year to Date Break All Records.

For the first time in the history of Pittsburgh local bank exchanges for any portion of a year have reached and passed the two-billion-dollar mark. Yesterday's exchanges were over $7,200,000, and this made the total for the year to date over $2,002,000,000. At the same time yesterday's figures showed an increase over the same time last year of more than $2,000,000, and of $2,152,000 over the preceding Monday. The local money market continues quite firm, with the rate for call loans unchanged at 5@6 per cent. The clearing house figures for yesterday, the preceding Monday and the same day last year are as follows:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Yesterday	$7,268,841 15	$1,211,163 80
Previous Monday	5,116,405 12	1,048,195 67
Last year	5,213,678 40	1,154,770 73

Yesterday's exchanges, $2,152,435,272 09.

Reports from other cities were:

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $10,207,452; balances, $980,996. Money quieter, 4½@5½ per cent. New York exchange, 10c premium.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Money 4@6 per cent. New York exchange par. Clearings, $4,483,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $17,907,241; balances, $2,049,765. Posted exchange, $4.84@$4.88. New York exchange, 20c premium.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Exchanges, $16,044,875; balances, $1,000,085.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $13,271,195; balances, $1,176,912. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 23.—Clearings, $10,857,021; balances, $2,206,753. Money, 5 per cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Exchanges, $139,849,506; balances, $6,632,912.

Consolidated Stock Exchange.

On the Consolidated stock exchange yesterday the posted sales in detail were:

100 shares Westinghouse Elec.	79¼
50 shares Westinghouse Elec. 2ds	80
100 shares U. S. Steel com	42⅞
100 shares U. S. Steel com	43
100 shares Amalgamated Copper	69
100 shares Monon. River Coal	13

Whisky.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Whisky—Distillers' finished goods active on a basis of $1.32.

BANKS AND BANKERS.

FIDELITY TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY

341 and 343 Fourth Avenue

Capital	$1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	846,982.31
Deposits	5,239,399.81
Trust Department	26,666,867.93

Pays 2% interest on deposits subject to check—
Special rates on time deposits—
Acts in all trust capacities—
Examines and insures titles to real estate—

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COLUMBIA NATIONAL BANK,

Smithfield St. and Fourth Ave.

E. H. JENNINGS.....President
F. A. GRIFFIN.....Cashier
W. HAMILTON BRUNT....Asst. Cashier

Capital $300,000.00 | Surplus and Profits $200,000.00

Deposits $5,000,000.00

ACCOUNTS SOLICITED.

FARMERS DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK,

220 FOURTH AVENUE,

SOLICITS BUSINESS.

THE PITTSBURGH STOCK EXCHANGE RECORD.

SALES AND QUOTATIONS. MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1901.

The public sales in detail were:

First Call.

10 Lincoln Nat. Bank 130
15 U. S. Steel com... 42⅝
40 U. S. Steel com... 43
100 U. S. Steel com... 43
100 U. S. Steel com... 42⅞
50 A. W. Glass com... 57½
25 A. W. Glass com... 57½
10 P. P. Glass com... 149
10 N. F. Proof. pfd... 44
40 Federal Nat. Bk... 120½
50 Pgh. Coal com... 28
50 M. R. Coal pfd... 46
10 M. R. Coal com... 13¾
25 Pgh. Coal pfd... 92¾
475 Pgh. Coal pfd... 92½
5 West. Airbrake... 177
50 West. Airbrake... 178
400 M. R. Coal com... 13
100 N. F. Proof. com... 35
100 N. F. Proof. com... 36
30 P. P. Glass war'ts. 44
105 West. Elec. 2ds... 79
20 West. Elec. 2ds... 79
50 West. Elec. 2ds... 79⅝
200 West. Elec. 2ds... 79⅞
100 West. Elec. 2ds... 79⅞
200 West. Elec. 2ds... 79⅞
300 West. Elec. 2ds... 79⅞
125 West. Elec. 2ds... 79¾
20 West. Elec. 2ds... 79⅝
100 West. Elec. 2ds... 80
54 West. Elec. 2ds... 80
50 West. Elec. 2ds... 80
25 West. Elec. 2ds... 80
20 West. Elec. 2ds... 80
100 West. Elec. 2ds... 82
100 West. Elec. 2ds... 81

After Call.

475 Pgh. Coal pfd... 92⅝
25 Pgh. Coal pfd... 92⅞
25 Pgh. Coal pfd... 92⅝
10 West. Elec. 2ds... 81½
100 Amal. Copper... 69¼
25 U. S. Steel pfd... 93
20 U. S. Steel pfd... 93

Second Call.

200 P. P. Glass com... 150
40 P. P. Glass com... 150
40 P. P. Glass com... 150
1 Monon. River Coal... 42
175 P. P. Glass rights. 11½
50 A. W. Glass com. 57⅜
50 A. W. Glass com. 57⅝
50 A. W. Glass com. 57
20 A. W. Glass com. 57
50 A. W. Glass com. 57
6 A. W. Glass com. 56⅞
100 Pgh. Brew. com... 17
100 N. F. Proof. com. 35⅜
140 Con. Trac. pfd... 62½
50 U. S. Steel com... 42⅝
100 M. R. Coal pfd... 45¾
100 West. Elec. 2ds... 81
10 West. Elec. 2ds... 81½

After Call.

50 A. W. Glass com. 57½
50 U. S. Steel com... 43
100 West. Elec. 2ds... 81
100 Pgh. Brew. com... 24

Before Call.

50 Pgh. Coal com... 28
50 Con. Ice pfd... 87
100 West. Elec. 2ds... 81
25 Pgh. Coal pfd... 92⅞

Third Call.

100 A. W. Glass com. 57½
100 A. W. Glass com. 57½
25 A. W. Glass com. 57½

The total sales of stock were 9,993 shares, $5,000 bonds, 223 subscription rights and 46 warrants; total preceding Saturday, 8,556 shares of stock, 50 receipts and 7 rights.

Closing bids and offers at the day's three calls were:

STOCKS.	1st Call.		2d Call.		3d Call.	
	Bid.	Ask.	Bid.	Ask.	Bid.	Ask.
Ally. Blks.	....	....	....	....	....	....
D. S. P. & T.	225	....	225	....	....	....
Allegheny Nat. Gas	135	134	135	....	....	....
Bridgewater City Rys.	8	....	....	....	....	....
Citizens	70	....	....	....	....	....
United Trac.	....	....	....	....	14½	....
Do pfd.	52	....	....	....	....	....
Railroads.						
A. V. pfd.	25	....	25	28	....	....
Charleroi Electric	104	....	108	....	110	....
Westh. 1st	81	....	....	....	....	....
Do 2d	81½	82	81	81½	80½	80¾
Miscellan.						
A. W. Glass.	57⅜	57½	57	57½	57⅝	....
Do pfd.	90½	....	90½	93	90	93
Pgh. Bls.	....	....	....	....	....	....
Exch. Nat.	84	....	....	....	....	84
Fed. D. Nat.	960	....	....	....	....	960
Iron City	52	59	....	....	....	55
Lincoln Nat.	....	150	....	....	....	....
Nat. Bnk. of Pa.	....	....	....	....	....	....
Trust Co.	....	....	....	....	....	203
Pfd. T. & T.	....	....	....	440	....	....
Equitable	....	180	....	....	....	....
Real Estate	....	270	....	....	....	....
Union Water.	....	....	45	50	....	....
Con. Ice	12½	....	13	13½	13⅜	13¼
Do pfd.	....	....	....	....	....	....
W. Airbrake	....	170	178	170	178	....
N. F. Proof.	35½	36	35⅜	35⅝	35⅝	35¾
Do pfd.	43¾	44	....	42⅞	42⅞	43⅜
U. S. Steel	....	....	....	42⅞	42⅞	42⅝
Do pfd.	92¾	93	92¾	93	....	....
Nat. Glass	17	....	....	....	17	19
BONDS.						
Miscellan.						
Carnegie Ds.	....	....	....	....	114½	....
Con. Gas 5s.	....	....	113	....	....	....
M. R. Coal 6s	....	113¾	....	116½	....	....
Pgh. Brew.	113	....	113¼	114	113¼	114
W. & E. P. Ry. 5s	....	....	....	....	....	114

*And interest.

The following is a complete summary of the day's official transactions on the Pittsburgh stock exchange. It shows the change in the closing selling prices, compared with the last preceding sales, the total sales of each security, the opening, high, low and closing prices, and final bids and offers:

SECURITIES.	Total Sales.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Bid.	Ask.	Change
Federal National Bank	40	120½	120½	120½	120½	120	....	½—
Lincoln National Bank	10	130	130	130	130	....	150	2—
Third National Bank, Pittsburgh	23	105	105	105	105	....	....	10¾+
Tri-State Gas	40	135	135	135	135	135	135	3+
Westinghouse Electric 2d	2,239	79	82	79	80½	80½	80¾	1½+
Allegheny Valley Railroad preferred	40	25½	25½	25½	25½	25	26	....
Consolidated Traction preferred	140	62⅝	63⅛	62⅝	63⅜	....	....	⅛+
American Window Glass common	1,075	57½	57½	56⅞	57⅝	57⅝	....	⅛—
Do preferred	50	91	91	91	91	90	93	½—
National Glass	300	17	17	17	17	17	19	1—
Pgh. Plate Glass common	$200	149	150	149	150	150	....	1—
Amalgamated Copper	200	69¼	69¼	68	68	68	....	½—
Consolidated Ice preferred	50	87	87	87	87	87	88	1+
Crucible Steel common	300	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾	24	1+
United States Steel	1,125	42¾	43	42¾	42¾	42¾	42⅞	⅛—
Do preferred	420	93	93	92¾	92¾	92¾	93	¾—
National Fire Proofing	400	36	36	35½	35½	35⅜	35½	1⅛—
Do preferred	95	44	44	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝	43¾	1⅛—
Marsden common	60	4½	4½	4¼	4½	....	....	⅛—
Monongahela Water	1	42	42	42	42	....	....	....
Monongahela River Coal	400	13	13	13	13	....	....	....
Do preferred	160	46	46½	45⅝	45¾	45¾	46	⅛—
Pittsburgh Coal	900	28	28¼	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	28	⅛—
Do preferred	1,231	92⅝	93	92½	92⅞	92⅞	93	⅛—
Pittsburgh Brewing common	200	16	17	16	17	16	18	....
Union Switch & Signal common	215	73¼	73¾	72½	73¾	....	74	2¼+
Westinghouse Airbrake	210	177	179	177	179	178	....	3+
Total	9,993							
City of Pgh. 4s (1913)	$5,000	107¼	107¼	107¼	107¼	....	....	....
Pittsburgh Plate Glass rights	223	11	11½	11	11½	....	....	½—
Do warrants	46	44	44	44	44	....	....	2—

‡Ex-dividend, though not so recorded. †Trade either way. †And interest.
‡Price for 2 only. *New high record.

Receipts of Produce Were Only Moderate

PITTSBURGH PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Market Ruled Steady at the Opening of the Week.

Hay, Grain and Feed.

The week opened with steady markets for all descriptions, quotations remaining unchanged. Receipts were only moderate, and demand is brisk. Hay is much firmer, and it was at the beginning of the month difficulty of getting stock hauled to points of shipment, on account of bad roads, causing prices to advance.

Receipts reported: Manchester yards, 8 cars hay, 5 cars oats, 6 cars corn, 3 cars feed, 2 cars straw, 2 cars rye, Baltimore & Ohio railroad, 1 car hay; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, 2 cars hay, 1 car corn, 1 car oats, 1 car feed, 2 cars rye; Pittsburgh & Western railroad, 1 car hay, 2 cars oats; total receipts, 43 cars.

Following are the official quotations for hay, millfeed, corn, oats and straw, corrected by the superintendent of the Pittsburgh grain exchange:

Straw—Oat, $7 50@8 00; wheat, $7 50@8 00; rye, $8 25@9 25.

Hay—Choice timothy, $15 25@15 50; No. 1 do, $14 50@15 00; No. 2 do, $13 50@14 00; No. 1 mixed, $11 75@12 00; No. 1 clover, $11 25@11 50; No. 1 light mixed, $11 00@11 50; packing, $8 00@10 00; loose from wagon, $16 00@17 00.

Rye—Milling price, delivered, No. 2 Michigan, 70@70½c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, shelled, 74@74½c; high mixed, 73@74c; No. 2 mixed, 72@73c. No. 2 yellow, ear, 72@73c; high mixed, 72½@73c; mixed, ear, 70@71c; high mixed, 72½@73c; white, ear, 74@75c; high mixed, 73½@74c; No. 2 mixed, 72@73c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 54½@55c; extra, No. 3, 53½@54c; regular, 52@53c.

Millfeed—Middlings, per ton, No. 2, $27 00@27 50; brown, $25 00@25 50; bran, $23 50@24 00.

Groceries.

Grocery circles were stirred yesterday by an advance in the price of flour and a decided decline in sugar. The former figures for fancy spring patent flour 10 cents a barrel and local quotations have gone to a range of $4 20@4 25. This is the result of strong wheat. Refined sugar is off 25 points for barrels and 15 points for soft whites and yellows. Molasses was not unexpected, as refiners have been at war lately, but such a sweeping reduction was somewhat of a surprise. Coffee is stronger again, owing to unfavorable cabling and crop news from Brazil, where holders are showing no anxiety to sell. Local demand is quiet.

Flour—Jobbers' prices: Fancy spring patents, $4 20@4 25; fancy winter patents, $3 75@4 00; straight winter, $3 50@3 60; bakers' spring, $3 60@3 70; rye, $3 45@3 55; graham, $4 20@4 30; cornmeal, bbl, $3 85; bbl, quarter sacks, 3250.

Sugar—Standard granulated, $4.65; fine granulated, bbl, 10c lb and 25c lb bags less; 4.65c; 60 lb bags, 4.70c; 50 lb bags, 4.75c; 25 lb bags, 4.80c; powdered, 4.75c; powdered fruit, 4.90c; cubes, 4.90c; cut loaf, 5.25c; confectioners' A, 4.80c. No. 2 spot white, 4.80c; No. 3 do, 4.70c; No. 4 do, 4.60c; yellow, 4.50c. (Quotations are f. o. b. New York, on which rives cost at your nearest railroad station. The price for Pittsburgh is 15 cents per 100 lbs above quotations.)

Cereals—Rolled oats, bbls, $5 75; bags, $2 85; buckwheat, $2 50@2 75; oat meal, bbls, $5 75; bags, $2 60.

Molasses—Fancy refined, 30@32c; choice do, 28@30c; prime do, 26@28c; new open kettle, 40c; fancy sugar syrups, 26@28c; sugar and cane, 20@24c; syrup in 2½-lb tin cans, $1 70 per doz.

Salt—No. 1, $1 60 per bbl; No. 1 extra, $1 80; dairy, $1 70; granulated rock, 95c sack.

Coffee—Roasted, bulk lots, Rio fancy, 22½c; prime, 20c; choice, 19@19½c; Santos, 19½@20c; choice, 18@18½c; Maracaibo, 19@19½c; Caracas, 19½@20c; Golden Rio, 16@17c; Java, 29@32c; Mocha, 25@28c; standard brands, 1-lb pkgs, 11.50c (with rebate of 1c per lb to retailers); high grades, 14@16c.

Spices—Prime: Cassia, 10c; Singapore, 15c; Penang, 20c; Saigon, 25c; Batavia, 15c; pepper, 15c; allspice, 12c; cloves, 20c; nutmegs, 75@85c.

Beans—Prime: marrowfat, bu, $2 75@3 00; lima, $2 25@2 50; Kidney, $2 75@3 00; California, $2 75@3 00.

Peas—Dried, per bu, $1 40@1 45; Scotch, per bu, $1 50@1 55; split peas, $3 00; peas, per bu, 30c per lb.

Dried fruits—Apples, 10c per lb; evaporated apples, 11½@12c; apples, in bags, 10½@11c; 25-lb boxes, 11½@12c; apples, in bags, 9½c; prunes, 4@6½c; peaches, 6@7½c; apricots, 7@9c; pears, 6@7c; raisins, loose muscatels, 2-crown, 5c lb; loose, 6½@6¾c per lb; California Valencia, 7¾@8c; California Valencia, in 50-pound boxes, 8c; currants, cleaned, 5c and 5½ pkgs, 6c; citron, 12c; orange peel, 12c; lemon peel, 12c; figs, California, 8@10c; Smyrna, 10@12½c; prunes, 6@7½c; Turkish prunes, 4@7½c.

Christmas Greens.

Christmas trees, $2 00@3 00 per bundle; holly, $4 00@5 00 per case; mistletoe, 50c per doz, $1 25@1 75; spring pine, per yd, 2½@3c; spring laurel, per yd, 3½@4½c; evergreen pine, per bundle, 50@60c; evergreen wreaths, per doz, $2 00@2 50; cedar wreaths, per doz, $2 25; laurel wreaths, per doz, $2 50@3 00; cedar roping, per yd, 2½@3c; laurel roping, per yd, 3½@4½c; cedar roping, per yd, $9 00@10 00; holly crosses and anchors, $2 00@4 00 per doz. Boxwood, per lb, 25c; sprig moss, per bag, $1 50; mistletoe, long, $1 50 per doz pieces.

Fruits and Produce.

There was lively buying yesterday at steady prices, and a good volume of business in higher direction. Cucumbers have gone forward in accordance with the usual custom at this time of the year, when Christmas buying makes a demand for fancy stock. Lettuce is in excellent demand and higher. Barrel beets are higher, while new have ceased to arrive, having been frozen. Potatoes are unchanged for good stock. There are between here and six thousand bushels of frozen potatoes in this market, which will be offered during the next few days at prices low enough to make buyers suspicious if they give the matter thought. It is not unlikely that the potatoes will be offered at 50 cents a bushel or lower. Onions are unchanged and steady. Cabbage remains firm at the high prices ruling for some time.

Apples—Common, $2 00@3 00 per bbl; choice and fancy, $4 00@5 00; California, per box, $1 50@2 00.

Cranberries—Jerseys, $4 50@5 00 per bbl; Cape Cod, $4 50@5 00; Cranberry Centre, $4 50@5 00; cranberries, loose, $3 00@3 50 per bu; Wisconsin

STRUGGLE OVER CHILD CREATED SCENE IN COURT

Edna May Krueger Refused to Leave Father for Mother On Judge's Order.

KRUEGER WAS CENSURED

Warned That His Conduct Was Contempt and Threatened With Imprisonment — Dramatic Climax of a Dixmont Incarceration.

An exciting scene was witnessed in common pleas court No. 3 yesterday when Judge J. A. Evans ordered that Oscar E. Krueger give up possession of his 7-year-old daughter, Edna May Krueger, to her mother, Mrs. Emma Krueger. When the court made the order the child clung to her father's chair and fastened her feet to the rungs when Mrs. Krueger and her sister caught hold of her and attempted to persuade her to accompany them.

Krueger remained quiet, although laboring under an intense nervous strain, and when the judge told him to instruct his child to go to her mother he jumped up and cried out he would not, then fell back in the chair. The child and her mother were both screaming and crying and the 30 or 40 women in the room made considerable noise. In the excitement, Mrs. Krueger got possession of the child, when Judge Evans told Krueger that he had prejudiced the mind of the child against her mother and that he should be sentenced to jail for contempt of court. Krueger managed to make a plea of ignorance of the court's order, and after a lecture the matter was dismissed by the court.

The domestic troubles of the Kruegers have been aired considerably lately, and at the hearing yesterday they were repeated. Mrs. Krueger was recently released from the asylum at Dixmont, where she had been committed by her husband, the court having declared she had been wrongfully sent there. Last week Mrs. Krueger sued her husband for divorce, alleging infidelity. Judge Evans said Krueger's answer to his wife's suit was an insult to the court in view of its order releasing her from Dixmont.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

John Campbell Convicted of Killing W. J. Robinson During a Fight in a Shanty Boat.

In the criminal court John Campbell, alias Robert Robinson, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter resulting from the killing of William John Robinson in the latter's shanty boat near McKees Rocks on May 22 last.

Robinson was found unconscious by a freight crew on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railway. He was brought to Pittsburgh and taken to a hospital, where he died a week later.

Campbell, who was known to be in the company of the murdered man on the night of the murder was suspected. A warrant for his arrest was given to Chief of Police Davis of McKees Rocks, but in the meantime Campbell had left the country. He afterwards returned to Beaver Falls and was arrested October 24.

Chief Davis was called and testified to a statement made by Campbell on the day he was arrested. He said that when he arrested Campbell the latter asked him if Robinson was dead. Upon being told he was, he replied it was not his fault. At this time Campbell told Chief Davis that he went to Robinson's boat to cook for him, and while there he tapped a keg of beer of which they drank freely and that while they were seated in the boat Robinson suddenly jumped up and hit him on the head several times with a poker, rendering him unconscious. After recovering from the effect of the blows he left the shanty, but soon returned to find why Robinson struck him. On the way back he said he picked up a piece of plank. When he opened the door he was again assaulted by Robinson, and in the fight that followed he struck Robinson three times with the piece of plank and then threw him over his head against the stove. He said he then left the shanty and went to Conneaut lake and later to Beaver Falls.

When called to the stand, Campbell told practically the same story, holding that he struck Robinson in self-defense. He further stated that he did not know up until the time of his arrest that Robinson had been killed, for when he left him he was sitting by the stove moaning and knocking his head against the side of the shanty.

County Detective R. G. Robinson and Deputy Sheriff White testified that the dead man was dangerous while drunk.

District Attorney John Haymaker, who represented the commonwealth, did not ask for a higher degree than manslaughter in his address to the jury.

A. J. Mohr was found guilty of the embezzlement of $54 belonging to the Prudential Insurance Company of America. Mohr was employed as an agent of the company in Allegheny county, and while so employed appropriated the money for his own use. Henry Carroll was the prosecutor in the case.

Al Martin, a cab driver at the Union depot, and Clarence Campbell were tried for highway robbery, and court adjourned before the case was completed. They are charged with robbing Maria Czalpa and Michael Walancia, both foreigners, of $10 and $1 50, respectively. They had just arrived in Pittsburgh and were given in charge of Martin to be taken to 1340 Penn avenue. On the way he met Campbell and asked him to accompany him, claiming he did so because Campbell could understand them better than he could. They then drove to Cherry alley, where the robbery is said to have occurred.

MRS. DALEY WANTS DAMAGES.

Asks $50,000, Alleging Her Husband Was Killed in an Elevator at the Hotel Henry.

Mrs. Amanda Daley, widow of William H. Daley, who died January 29, 1900, at the West Penn hospital, yesterday entered suit for $50,000 damages against D. F. Henry, owner of the Hotel Henry. At the time of Daley's death there was considerable litigation owing to a question relative to insurance that arose.

Daley was a traveling salesman and stopped at the hotel on January 25, 1900. Next morning while about to descend to the first floor it is alleged he was struck by the elevator in the hotel and received some 37 cuts which resulted in his death. It was rumored at the time that Daley had been the victim of an assault. His wife in her statement says he was paid a salary of $4,500 a year.

Today's Trial Lists.

Today's trial lists are as follows:

Criminal court—Commonwealth vs. Stani Rubiski, William Dawson, Kate Dobowitz, Casimer Szymanski, John Jones, Charles Anderson, Frank Brumley, Rollie Tabor, John Borkofsky, Stani Maski, J. H. Segebrook, George Rumagrick, John Pepko, Andy Pepko, Tony Cudy, Roda Mamulla et al., Harry Thomas, John Nolan, John Sattler, jr., Charles Oppendander, Louisa Schrader, Isaac Feldberg, Margaret Kelly.

New Suits Filed.

New suits were entered in the different common pleas courts as follows:

COMMON PLEAS NO. 1.

Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Action.
Bravo Con. Co.	Jas. Stewart & Co.	Assp
O. D. Border	W. A. Lincoln	Appl
Lewis Glick	John Kobliansky	Appl
John A. Moore, tr.	Wm. Glew et al.	Equity
C. H. Bergsley	Monon. Trac. Co.	Tres
Jane Ray	Jos. Cridge	Sci fa mtg

COMMON PLEAS NO. 2.

Mrs. M. Dever	Monon. Con. R. R. Co.	Tres
English Plate Co.	Fitzgerald Plas. Co.	Assp
Christian Lieberum	H. S. Tarley et al.	Sci fa rev
Amanda Daley	D. F. Henry	Tres
Alfred E. Lapsley	Glassport Land Co.	Equity
Jas. Howard	C. H. Stackman	Appl
Akron Elec. Mfg. Co.	Isaac E. Frye	For att

COMMON PLEAS NO. 3.

Grant Miller	Minnie Swartz	Cap tres
Michael Strenge	Henry B. Specker	Sci fa m c
Herman Masowitz	Frank Lange	Ex att

LEGAL BRIEFS.

Grant Nutler entered suit against Minnie Swartz for $10,000 damages for alleged slander.

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of Mary Jane Bailey shows a valuation of $32,857.09.

C. H. Belghley sued the Monongahela Traction Company for $250 for the alleged killing of a horse by a car.

The receiver of Joseph E. Whalen, a bankrupt, filed a report, showing a balance of $5,166 for distribution.

An execution attachment was issued by Herman Mafowitz against Frank Lange, summoning Rt. Rev. R. Phelan, trustee, as garnishee.

A foreign attachment was issued by the Akron Electrical Manufacturing Company against Isaac E. Frye, naming Stimple & Ward as garnishees.

By the will of James Mulholland, late of Pittsburgh, an estate, the value of which is not estimated, goes to the decedent's wife for life, and at her death to their children.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court by Charles Wilson Pearce, a farmer of Traill, Butler county. His liabilities are $1,938 and assets $288.

Judge Joseph Buffington fixed January 7, 1902, as the time for hearing the arguments in the case of Fannie B. Snowden and others against the Pittsburgh & Western Railway Company.

The third and final account of D. H. Hostetter, administrator of the estate of David Hostetter, was filed. He charges himself with $23,980 22, and has a balance of $16,228 42 for distribution.

Executions were issued as follows: S. S. Robertson vs. Andrew Hopkins, $156 75; Thomas E. Pollard vs. Pittsburgh Upholstery Car Company, $1,650; J. W. Houston & Co. vs. Great Western Tea Company, $150; A. Fushan vs. Jacob Sloan, $116 80.

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of Amelia Blake was filed. It shows the decedent possessed 722 shares of the Westinghouse Airbrake Company, worth $122,740; 824 shares of stock of the Pullman Palace Car Company, worth $112,140, and other stock making the valuation of the personal estate $238,880.

John A. Moore, trustee of William Corbett, a bankrupt, filed a bill in equity against the William Glew Stone and Brick Company to restrain it from selling 26 acres of land in Patton township. The plaintiff says that the value of the property is between $15,000 and $20,000, but notwithstanding this, the company intends to sell this for $7,500 with the intention of defrauding the bankrupt of his interests.

MISS MURPHY'S DEATH WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

District Attorney Haymaker Says That the Grand Jury Will Take the Matter Up.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the death of Miss Harriette C. Murphy will be investigated by the grand jury. District Attorney John C. Haymaker said yesterday that he would wait a reasonable time for the coroner to notify him that a murder had been committed, and if the notification does not come he will go ahead with his own investigation of the death of Miss Murphy.

"I have a positively no official information concerning the case," Mr. Haymaker said yesterday. "The coroner has not seen fit to inform me of it nor to submit the evidence in his possession to me. But I have learned through the newspapers that his jury says the woman was killed by a burglar. If that is true it calls for every effort on the part of the officers of the law to run down the murderer, and this office shall not be blamed for failing to do its duty."

Mr. Haymaker then stated that in view of the mystery surrounding the case and the fact that the police who said that murder had not been done had not been called by the coroner, he felt it his duty to lay the facts of the killing before the grand jury so that it might be determined whether murder had been committed.

CONVENTION CALLED.

National Gathering of Miners Will Be Held at Indianapolis During January.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 23.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, today issued the call for the national convention of miners in this city for January 20 and the joint conference of the mine workers and bituminous operators in Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The conference begins January 30, and will continue ten days. The miners' convention proper will be in session ten days and over 1,000 delegates will attend.

WILL TRY A NEW CURE.

Highland Inn at Somerset Will Be Made a Sanitarium.

The Highland inn at Somerset, Pa., and the surrounding 52 acres, which have been rented by J. G. Knowles, formerly of Cleveland, as a sanitarium, will be purchased by the Highland Inn Sanitarium Company, incorporated, of Pennsylvania, a charter having been applied for. Mr. Knowles is at the head of the company and will be the superintendent and manager.

Mr. Knowles was in the city yesterday and claims that he has found a new and successful treatment for several diseases. He said:

"The process is to introduce perfectly pure ozone as a germicide. Wherever the ozone reaches it attacks the disease germ and destroys it instantly. The treatment has been successfully used in cases of tuberculosis, hay fever, asthma, diphtheria and pneumonia."

Bank Will Liquidate.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Third National bank today it was unanimously voted to go into liquidation on December 24. Moses Williams, Francis B. Sears and Frederick E. Snow were appointed a liquidation committee.

RECORDER HAS A LONG PROGRAM FOR COMMITTES

He Asks Members to Consider Many Municipal Improvements.

QUESTION OF COST ALSO

They Are to Pass on the Advisability of Improvements and Determine How the Money Shall Be Provided to Pay for Them.

Recorder Brown had a meeting with the new municipal improvement committee yesterday and submitted to it a pamphlet containing suggestions from him of matters to be considered, accompanied with the statement that the committee is requested to inquire into all matters for the general good, their cost and report on how the money to pay for them shall be provided. The suggested improvements are believed to foreshadow a bond issue.

The commission to which the recorder addresses his recommendations consists of twelve persons, all appointed by the recorder. The commission met yesterday morning and organized by electing as chairman Robert Pitcairn, superintendent of the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and Theodore Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated association, as secretary. Its other members are: William Flinn, city contractor; William McConway, manufacturer of railway supplies; A. W. Mellon, banker and traction man; J. Dawson Callery, president traction combine; Eugene M. O'Neill, one of the publishers of the Pittsburgh Dispatch; Rev. Fr. Ruoff, German minister; Col. James M. Guffey, oil producer, and John S. Lambie, Max Leslie and W. A. Magee, members of councils.

The Recorder's Recommendation.

The important sections of Recorder J. O. Brown's pamphlet are as follows:

Mr. Andrew Carnegie is offering in a liberal and philanthropic spirit heretofore unknown to our city, to further benefit us by establishing and endowing this grand and greatest of all polytechnical schools. As I said in my communication to councils, we should receive this new and greatest of Mr. Carnegie's gifts with free and liberal provision for the purchasing and securing of land upon which to establish this school. The question of securing a large acreage suitable for the purpose, the location, number of acres and the mode and manner of paying for the same, is referred to you.

I desire to call your attention to the great necessity of locating and establishing public baths in the several parts of the city.

Places of public comfort in the parks and crowded portions of the city are suggested. It is also suggested that a plan be devised to carry out the ordinance providing for the removal of wires from overhead.

The public bridges of the city of Pittsburgh were thought to be adequately provided for in the bond issue of 1895. But owing to the increase in structural steel, labor and material of 38 per cent and upward, as well as owing to the under-estimating of the cost of the then contemplated bridge improvement, there is not sufficient money applicable to the urgent and important bridge improvements. The bond money for bridges at that time was fixed at $500,000. At least $650,000, if not $650,000, of this amount will be required for the construction of the Tenth street bridge, as now directed by councils. The Wilmot street bridge and the Lincoln avenue bridge, expensive repairs on the Sylvan avenue bridge, and I am informed and believe that a very large sum of money will at once be required for the strengthening and remodeling of the Point bridge, will need prompt consideration.

Quite a large sum of money is still necessary for the completion of the unfinished city boulevards, notably the Grant street boulevard, which is not completed so far east as Center avenue, and must be opened through, as provided by council ordinance, across Center avenue, through and along Bayard street and along to S. Negley avenue, near Schenley hotel. This and other contemplated and unfinished boulevards and public highways are subjects for your consideration.

Your duties also in the matter of the suppression of the work necessary for the completion of the new city reservoir by reason of legal complications arising between the city and the contractors and their bondsmen, there are a number of questions involved in this reservoir matter that justice and equity would seem to require careful consideration, and a plan of adjustment that would be fair and just, as well as honorable, worked out and submitted to councils, by which, and through which, this reservoir could be immediately completed with equity to all.

To Add to City Hall.

Councils for the last four or five years have attempted to increase the capacity and enlarge city hall by the addition of three or more stories, for the purpose of providing sufficient office room for the greatly over-crowded condition of the wants of select and common councils, at an elevation above the street where there would be room enough for the transaction of public business. This matter was attempted to be placed in last year's appropriation, to the extent of $150,000, but was cut out. It is of great public importance this city hall be enlarged, and it should be done at once. City hall should also have ample vault space for the preserving of the city's contracts, records and valuable papers.

Another matter of great importance to the public and especially to our working people is the condition of our public market buildings on Market street. They are old, dilapidated, wornout, unsanitary, overcrowded and unhealthy, and almost unfit for the uses and purposes to which and for which they are daily used. They should be greatly remodeled, reconstructed, rebuilt or torn down and entirely new buildings, arching over Market street, with sufficient public hall space to accommodate at least 5,000 people, be built.

In the lower portion of the city the lateral mains running along the streets, from Duquesne way southward to the Monongahela should be placed in at once. These improvements have been urged strongly by the chamber of commerce, the National board of fire underwriters having ordered a large increase in insurance rates on account of the failure of the water supply below Grant street and on the territory known as Penn and Liberty avenues eastward to Thirty-third street. I have advocated for years, and now advocate, that there should be a high-pressure pipe line service for that part of the city below Grant street and extending eastward in Penn avenue to Thirty-third street.

The purchase of the South Side Water Company, or securing good water for the South Side, should be considered.

The removal of the railway tracks from Liberty street and the placing of the same on Duquesne way by elevated freight roads, and abolishing at once of grade crossings at Try street, Penn and Liberty avenues of the Valley road, the Baltimore & Ohio road in the Twenty-third ward and other places, on an understanding with the railroads for a division of the expenses.

POLICE PROTECTION AT NIGHT INADEQUATE

Citizens of the Fourth Ward Complain That Burglars Are Enabled to Work Openly.

The robbery on Sunday morning of the jewelry store of Edward F. Stewart in Sixth street, near the Hotel Victoria, where the burglars made their entrance through a window facing the well-lighted alley between the Alvin and Bijou theaters, and within a few feet of Sixth street, was the subject of considerable conversation yesterday among citizens of the Fourth ward, who complain of the lack of police protection at night. A private watchman is employed, to cover most of the district by many of the merchants, but even this precaution does not prevent suspicious characters from prowling around in the neighborhood.

Last Tuesday night, sometime after 10 o'clock, the store at No. 442 Penn avenue, occupied by Buchbinder & Schempp, opticists, and the G. F. Harvey Company, manufacturing chemists and dealers in surgical instruments, was entered by burglars and opera glasses and instruments to the value of $150 were taken. Entry was made into a small room adjoining the store room through the transom of a door on Fifth street, the catches being forced. Tools were then used to enter the store room proper by removing a large pane of glass from the door between.

Then, to insure a safe and quick exit, the door was removed from its hinges. The safe was not tampered with but attempts were made to force the drawers of the desk. The proprietors believe that it was the work of green hands who were only after money, and who were frightened away. The police were notified Wednesday morning and Detective George Cole made an investigation, but the proprietors of the establishment said yesterday that they did not know what conclusion he had arrived at.

The proprietors worked at the store until 9 o'clock Tuesday night and at 10 o'clock some sewing girls who worked on the floors above upon coming down a stairway of the Fifth street side noticed a colored man standing on the doorknob of the store door and working with the transom. Upon being observed, he desisted and stood quietly beside the door. This was reported on Wednesday.

The other evening a man who lives in a boarding house below the Lincoln hotel upon entering the vestibule of the house shortly after 12 o'clock, found a man who pretended to be intoxicated working with the doorknob. He stammered out, in answer to a sharp inquiry, that he must have mistaken the house. He was ordered out, and started down street, staggering, followed by the man who suspected him. No policeman was in sight and as soon as the supposed drunk noticed that he was followed, he took to his heels and disappeared up Fourth street.

It is claimed by the Fourth ward citizens that proper attention from the police would prevent such incidents and the women are not a little alarmed for their safety after dark.

SAYS THE CASE IS CLOSED

Bishop Whitehead Declares Bishop Talbot Will Not Be Tried for Dismissing the Rev. Dr. Irvine.

Bishop Cortlandt Whitehead, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Pittsburgh, was asked yesterday regarding the report that members of the church were determined to bring Bishop Ethelbert Talbot of Pennsylvania to trial before the ecclesiastical authorities. Bishop Talbot was denounced before the house of bishops at the recent triennial general convention of the Episcopal church at San Francisco and charged with having conspired to unfrock and degrade the Rev. Dr. J. N. W. Irvine, who had been rector of St. Paul's church in Huntingdon, Pa. Dr. Irvine appealed to the house of bishops from Bishop Talbot's decision, but nothing was done, as the committee of bishops to whom the appeal was referred had decided it had no jurisdiction.

"The case of Dr. Ingram N. Irvine, formerly rector of St. Paul's church, Huntingdon, who was dismissed by Bishop Talbot of Central Pennsylvania and who appealed to the house of bishops, will not be reopened," said Bishop Whitehead last night. "The whole business is a big disturbance over nothing. Dr. Irvine is, no doubt, a good man, but he is eccentric and seems to have the unfortunate faculty of getting himself into trouble on all occasions.

"He has been on trial three times, first in Illinois and the second and third times in Pennsylvania. It is not for me to say whether he was dealt with justly or unjustly. He was tried according to the canons of the church, and his case has been disposed of. The best thing he can do is to drop the matter, as the house of bishops will not reopen it."

Found Frozen to Death.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The frozen body of George Leach, an employe of the Newton Falls Paper Company, was found in the Oswegatchie river today. Leach was lost in the woods last night while on his way home, and fell from exhaustion.

Car Ferry a Total Loss.

LUDINGTON, MICH., Dec. 23.—The wrecked car ferry Muskegon is slowly sinking into the sand and the probability of saving the steamer and cargo grows less every hour. The government inspector of hulls says she will be a total loss.

SOMERSET HAS OFFERED 11,000 ACRES OF LAND

Government Will Probably Locate Permanent Army Camp There.

INSPECTION COMES SOON

Commission of Officers Said That the Offer of 1,000 Acres Would Have to Be Increased and the Additional Territory Was Easily Secured.

W. A. Scott, Jr., president of the Somerset Land Company, who some months ago offered the United States government the company holdings at Somerset for one of the four proposed permanent camp sites authorized by congress at its last session, returned yesterday morning from Somerset. He has been there for the past week securing options on additional land which will be required if the government selects the location.

Mr. Scott said yesterday that the original offering to the government board of army officers which convened in Washington on November 25, was 1,000 acres, including the Highland inn and the 52 acres immediately surrounding it, but that upon his visit to Washington on December 12 he learned that at least 10,000 acres would be the minimum site desired by the government. He was also informed that the Highland inn and the 52 acres mentioned would not be required if the necessary 10,000 acres could be offered without it.

"Immediately upon returning from Washington," said Mr. Scott, "I consulted with the other members of our company and it was decided to obtain the 10,000 acres. I was in Somerset all last week upon this business, and I am glad to say that my efforts were successful. We have now 11,250 acres of open and expansive country to offer to the board, 10,250 acres being in a perfect square. A greater portion of it is level, but of course there is some rolling ground. It adjoins the Somerset Land Company's property, extending west from Highland inn four miles and a half to Leavansville, but does not include the inn or the 52 acres around it.

"I have now informed Brig. Gen. John R. Brooke of the sub-committee of the board at New York, that we have the amount of land desired, and that we are ready to have it inspected, at his pleasure. This will probably be done within the next few days, as the board is expected to report finally on January 6. As soon as I hear from Gen. Brooke I will leave for New York to make arrangements for the visit of the officers."

The fact that such a large acreage is desired for the site, and that the Somerset Land Company is able to furnish it, has made the selection of Somerset almost certain. The people of Somerset were very enthusiastic on Saturday over the bright outlook, and tendered W. A. Scott an impromptu banquet in appreciation of his efforts in the matter.

CHICAGO LAWYER CALLS DOWIE A DEVIL FISH.

Another Characterizes the Zionite Leader as "Elijah the Restorer."

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The closing argument in the suit against John Alexander Dowie for the appointment of a receivership of his Zion lace industries was begun by Attorney S. W. Packard today in Judge Tuley's court. Mr. Packard denounced the action of Samuel Stevenson, Dowie's brother-in-law, in having brought the suit and expressed the hope that his better spirit would move him to reconciliation again with Zion. A strong plea was made to show that Dowie was not infallible. Attorney Packard likened Dowie to J. Pierpont Morgan as a great organizer, but he said he doubtless made mistakes. "He does not claim to be more than human," he said, "for in the Bible St. James says Elijah was a man of like passions with ourselves."

Mr. Packard, in upholding Dowie's claims as Elijah, said that he would prefer him at his bedside if he were at the point of death rather than any skilled physician. Mr. Packard is not a member of the Zion congregation. Dowie and his wife were present in court, with by far the largest number of followers that has yet filled the court. During Attorney Packard's recital of Dowie's identity with "Elijah, the restorer," Dowie frequently rolled his eyes upward and gazed at the ceiling as though in prayer.

Following Attorney Packard's argument for the defense Attorney E. L. Reeves, for the plaintiff, likened Dowie to "A devil fish that twined its arms about its victim and twisted him until it got a strangle hold." He touched upon the death of Mrs. Stevenson, wife of the plaintiff and sister of Dowie, and said that when Stevenson in his grief sought out Dowie as brother and priest, Dowie gave him a cup of gall and called him murderer.

Arguments in the case closed this afternoon and the case was given into the hands of Judge Tuley for decision.

Open Tonight Till 10 O'Clock.
Closed Tomorrow All Day.

KAUFMANN'S
"THE BIG STORE"

Last Day
To Buy Xmas Gifts.

As usue there will be thousands who for some reason or other, have delayed buying until this eleventh hour. To all such, "THE BIG STORE," with its nearly one hundred departments under one roof, and each department brimful of suitable Holiday Gifts for young and old, rich and poor, male and female, will be a veritable boon. One hour spent at Kaufmann's today will accomplish more than running around the smaller stores the entire day, and what is equally important, is the fact, that, owing to Kaufmann's custom to sacrifice all Holiday Goods, rather than carry them over.

Thousands of
Holiday Novelties
Will Be Closed Out Today
At Greatly Cut Prices.

DRESS, SKIRT AND WAIST PATTERNS MARKED DOWN.
APRONS, PETTICOATS, DRESSING SACQUES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
SHIRTS, COLLARS, MUFFLERS, NECKWEAR, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
ONYX TABLES, JARDINIERES, LAMPS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
BOOKS, BIBLES, HOLIDAY STATIONERY, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
STERLING SILVER AND FANCY NOVELTIES MARKED DOWN.
FANCY BOXES, JEWEL CASES, PUFF BOXES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
TOYS, DOLLS AND GAMES MARKED DOWN.
RIBBONS, VEILINGS, NECKWEAR, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
SCREENS, PORTIERES, CURTAINS, SHAM SETS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
ROCKERS, TOILET TABLES, STANDS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
UMBRELLAS, LEGGINS, SLIPPERS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
LADIES' SUITS, FURS AND MACKINTOSHES MARKED DOWN.
LADIES' AND MEN'S GLOVES AND HANDKERCHIEFS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
PARLOR CABINETS, MUSIC CABINETS, DIVANS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
PICTURES, FANCY PHOTO FRAMES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
POCKETBOOKS, WALLETS, SATCHELS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
RUGS, ART SQUARES, HASSOCKS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
CHINA, DINNER SETS, WATER SETS, PLATES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
VELOCIPEDES, TRICYCLES, GO-CARTS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
TABLE COVERS, LINEN SETS, DOYLIES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
MANICURE SETS, SHAVING OUTFITS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
SOFA PILLOWS, FANCY ART GOODS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
HIGH CHAIRS, CHILDREN'S ROCKERS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
TOY PIANOS, STEAM ENGINES, BLACKBOARDS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
SILVER COMB AND BRUSH SETS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
CUPS AND SAUCERS, PEDESTALS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
BRACELETS, RINGS, WATCHES AND JEWELRY, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
HOUSE COATS, BATH ROBES, MACKINTOSHES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
PARLOR CHAIRS, ROCKERS, DESKS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
FANCY GARTERS, FANS, BOAS, NOTIONS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
FANCY GLOVE, HANDKERCHIEF AND TIE BOXES MARKED DOWN.
CIGAR CUTTERS, SMOKERS' SETS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
VASES, BRIC-A-BRAC, CUT GLASS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
PAPER WEIGHTS, CUTTERS, SILVER KNIVES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
WORK BASKETS, SCRAP BASKETS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
COUCHES, LEATHER CHAIRS, BOOKCASES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
GAS STOVES, CARPET SWEEPERS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
DOLL FURNITURE, BUGGIES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
TRAVELING CASES, SUIT CASES, TRUNKS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
CLOCKS, ORNAMENTS, MIRRORS, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
SILVER BUTTON HOOKS, NAIL FILES, ETC., MARKED DOWN.
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